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Shamir pledges fight against terrorists

By
UPI AND AP

JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's new Prime Minister, pledged in a Knesset speech this week to fight Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon and to promote Israeli settlements in the occupied areas.

Shamir, 71, becomes head of government under an unprecedented power-sharing agreement between his Likud bloc and the Labor Party of Shimon Peres.

Parliament convened Monday to approve the transfer of power. As The CJN went to press, MKs were still debating the matter.

Shamir vowed in a speech before the Knesset Monday that Israel will prevent Palestinian "gangs from entrenching themselves in Lebanon and establishing bases there."

Shamir said he would make Middle East peace a priority but added that Israel and Jordan would not reach the negotiating table unless the Hashemite kingdom gave up its demand for an international peace conference.

"No international forum can serve as a substitute for direct negotiations," Shamir said. "We will not be able to achieve peace without free, direct, face-to-face discussion."

Shamir, who was Prime Minister for a year in 1983-84, said he would make Jewish settlement of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with a population of about 1.4 million Palestinians, a top priority.

Shamir called the 1979 Camp David peace agreement with Egypt the "first link" in the goal of winning peace in the Middle East.

"This government will continue on the same path and will call on the government of Egypt to join it in an effort to realize these goals for the sake of both nations and of the entire region," Shamir said.

As the Knesset debate began after Shamir's speech, Likud deputy Dan Meridor urged Shamir to forsake calls for an international peace conference. Peres and Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak discussed such a conference during summit talks last month.

"We should emphasize our approach and our agreed policy — that direct negotiation (with Arab governments) is the best means and that Camp David is the realistic program," Meridor argued.

Peres, who resigned as Prime Minister Oct. 10 in keeping with the September 1981 coalition agreement, took the podium after Shamir's speech, shook his hand and wished him luck.

Peres succeeds Shamir as foreign minister under the agreement, forged after neither party won enough votes in national elections to rule on its own.

Squabbling between the two groups delayed the transfer of power for almost a week, but the parties signed an agreement Friday that pledged Labor's support for Shamir, assuring his approval by Parliament.

Under their agreement, Peres will have three months to submit nominees for the post of Israeli ambassador in Washington to Shamir for his approval.

Peres wanted Yossi Beilin, a close associate, to replace Meir Rosenne, 55, as ambassador to the United States but agreed not to press for the appointment because of strong Likud opposition.

Also under the agreement, Yitzhak Modai will return to the cabinet as a minister without portfolio. Shamir wanted Modai back as justice minister, but Peres, who ousted Modai from the post in July because he had bitterly criticized Peres, refused to reinstate him.

Shamir's new cabinet is likely to add a woman minister to replace outgoing Health Minister Mordechai Gur. Iraqi-born Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino of the Labor Party, who is slated to take over from Gur, would be the first woman in the cabinet to head a ministry since Golda Meir resigned as Prime Minister in 1974.

Gur is resigning to protest Shamir's alleged role in a scandal involving the April 1984 killing of two Palestinian prisoners by the Shin Bet internal security agency and the cover-up that allegedly followed. Shamir was Prime Minister at the time.

Rita Levy-Montalcini

Dr. Stanley Cohen

Elie Wiesel

...while scientists share award

Wiesel captures Nobel Prize

By
MARGIE OLSTER

NEW YORK (JTA) — A leading Jewish Holocaust survivor, author and human rights activist was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last week and two Jewish scientists shared a Nobel Prize in physiology for their contributions to the study of cell growth and tissue development.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the prestigious Peace Prize to Elie Wiesel, citing his unceasing efforts on behalf of "human dignity."

The Nobel Assembly of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm awarded the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine to Dr. Rita Levy-Montalcini, who holds dual American and Italian citizenship and Dr. Stanley Cohen, an American. Cohen, a biochemist, and Levi-Montalcini, a developmental biologist, "opened new fields of widespread importance to basic science.

"As a direct consequence, we may increase our understanding of many disease states such as developmental malformations, degenerative changes in senile dementia, delayed wound healing and tumor diseases," the Nobel announcement said.

Levi-Montalcini, 77, is a senior scientist at the Institute of Cell Biology in Rome, and Cohen, 63, is a professor of biochemistry at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn.

Together at Washington University in St. Louis in the 1950s, the two worked under a reknown American biologist, Viktor Hamburger, and conducted significant basic research on cancer, brain disorders, nervous disorders and birth defects.

Last month, they shared the highest American honor in biomedical research, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical research Award for 1986. This month, the two will share the approximately U.S. $290,000 Nobel cash prize.

Among the two scientists' major breakthroughs were a discovery by Levy-Montalcini in the 1950s of a protein growth factor that stimulated nerve cell development and a subsequent discovery by Cohen of an epidermal growth factor related to the nerve growth substance.

Their work has the potential to help combat

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Refuseniks, families leave Soviet Union

By
JTA and UPI

NEW YORK — Long-time Refusenik David Goldfarb was released last week from a Moscow hospital and flown to the United States on industrialist Armand Hammer's private plane, accompanied by his wife, Cecilia.

Goldfarb, 67, was hospitalized here for treatment of the diabetes that recently nearly cost him his remaining leg. He lost his left leg fighting the Nazis at Stalingrad during World War II.

"Yesterday a miracle happened," Goldfarb said in Russian on arrival here. "What was not possible for me for eight years happened yesterday when Dr. Hammer came to my Moscow hospital and said 'I'm going to take you to the United States.' Everything happened just as he said . . . Now we are here."

Goldfarb left a daughter and other relatives behind in Russia.

At the hospital here, Dr. Kenneth Prager said Goldfarb has "multiple medical problems."

Goldfarb, a molecular biologist, was one of the most prominent Soviet Refuseniks. The Reagan administration had raised his case with the Soviets many times, including during the talks that freed reporter Nicholas Daniloff and at the recent Iceland summit. Two years ago Goldfarb rejected a KGB offer of freedom in exchange for framing Daniloff.

Alex Goldfarb, an assistant microbiology professor at Columbia University who teaches in the U.S., said his father drank champagne aboard Hammer's jet and watched the movie My Fair Lady.

Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corp., has often acted as an intermediary between the kremlin and the U.S. He told reporters he asked Anatoly Dobrynin, secretary of the Soviet Communist Party central committee, for permission to take Goldfarb to America. Dobrynin refused at first but called back within hours and gave permission.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — **In a surprise move, Soviet authorities on Friday gave permission to emigrate to the entire family of Inessa and Viktor Flerova, ending an 8-month ordeal. Inessa Flerova's brother, Michael Shirman, who lives in Israel, is a 31-year-old leukemia patient whose sole chance of survival rests on a possible bone-marrow transplant from Inessa, his only sibling, who lives in Moscow.**

Inessa Flerova and her two daughters were granted exit visas at the end of August but Viktor couldn't get one at that time. Shirman had told his sister not to leave without her husband.

Shirman has been in the United States following a visit to Iceland for the Soviet-U.S. summit, where he pleaded his case with Soviet and American officials. Earlier last week he told a press conference in Washington he had about a month to live unless he received a transplant.

On Friday he received a call from his sister that the entire Flerova family would be allowed to leave Russia and they are expected to be in Israel soon for a reunion with Shirman.

Israel doubts claim Amal holds flyer

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel still had no definite information as of Monday noon that one of the two airmen who bailed out when their Israel Air Force Phantom jet was shot down over southern Lebanon last week is still in the hands of Amal, the Lebanese Shiite militia.

The plane was hit during a raid, just hours after Palestinian terrorists killed one Israeli and wounded 69 near the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Amal claimed to be holding the flyer. They said he sustained a broken arm but was otherwise unharmed. The sources said Lebanese media reports were studied over the weekend but offered no confirmation of Amal's claim. Amal failed to produce the pilot for foreign reporters.

The other pilot was literally scooped off the ground in a daring helicopter rescue 90 minutes after he parachuted safely in an area east of the port city of Sidon controlled by terrorist groups. Outgoing Premier Shimon Peres said that the rescue was the most brilliant and courageous act possible in the circumstances. He said it proved the resourcefulness of the Israel Defence Force and the Air Force.

The American-built jet fighter was the first Israel Air Force plane shot down over Lebanon since 1983. It was taking part in a bombing raid on El Fatah base near the Lebanese coast south of Tyre. It is believed to have been hit by a Soviet-made SA-7 rocket.

Details of the pilot rescue were released after nearly 10 hours of official silence. According to the account, the pilot managed for 90 minutes to evade terrorists in the area. He was detected by a radio transmitter device activated when he bailed out of his plane.

A search helicopter, braving gunfire at tree-top level, swooped to the ground long enough to allow the pilot to grab the skids and whisked him to safety. The pilot, not immediately identified, was released from Rambam Hospital after a physical checkup.

The search for the second downed pilot proved fruitless. Although Israel remains skeptical of Amal's claim that he is their captive, the government's coordinator for policy in Lebanon, Uri Lubroni, warned the Shiite militia that it would be held responsible for the safety and welfare of the missing man.

Amal leader Nabih Berri spoke over the weekend of a possible major prisoner exchange. But observers here doubt that Israel would agree to anything on the scale of the 1985 swap in which 1,150 convicted Lebanese and Palestine terrorists were released in ex-

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Saudis bankroll PLO to tune of $29.5 million

LONDON (JTA) — **Saudi Arabia gave the PLO U.S. $29.5 million earlier this month, the World Jewish Congress reported.**

Announcement of the gift was made in a statement from the Saudi Press Agency in Riyad, monitored here by the WJC.

Rafiq Al-Natshah, the PLO representative in Riyad, said the sum represents Saudi Arabia's annual contribution to the PLO and was in accordance with the resolution of the Baghdad Arab summit in 1979. Natshah said that "more than any other state Saudi Arabia has fulfilled its commitment to support the PLO regularly and considerably, not only financially but politically and socially."

He expressed particular thanks to King Fahd and Prince Abdullah "for their constant support for the Palestinian cause and revolution."

World-National

Feinberg blessed us with his life

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

(Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg was from 1943 to 1961 senior rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, and until his recent death its rabbi emeritus. At a service in the Temple, a number of friends spoke of his many contributions. The following are Rabbi Plaut's words of memory.)

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Rabbi Plaut

He was no ordinary man, and even the fickle, forgetful media knew it. Though he was gone from Toronto for many years, his death made the front page of the Star, an editorial in the Globe, the newscast of every station, and the network evening news in the United States.

These final trumpet blasts were the proper finale to a life lived in the limelight of public attention. ALF was a communicator par excellence, and shortly after he became a rabbi in NY he realized that the pulpit was too restrictive for him. Thus, in his long and colorful career, he was able to communicate in a variety of ways: by speaking and by singing, by writing and by marching — and by just being Abe (or Tony) Feinberg.

Stayed with him

It is an understatement to say that his Holy Blossom congregants were sometimes unhappy with his utterances and the publicity they engendered. In fact, they often wished that on a given subject he would say nothing or something else — but they never told their rabbi that his freedom of speech was curtailed. For 18 yars HBT had a rabbi with whom the majority of members disagreed on a multitude of subjects — from Zionism to ritual, from his battle against religion in the schools to his exercise of religion in politics. No matter, they stayed with him and upheld his right to expound the most radical ideas.

When I came here 25 years ago to succeed him on his retirement, I found a man happy to cast off the burdens of office and ready to pursue the various causes to which he was committed. Now he was able to do whatever he wanted to do, and in the years that followed, here and in the States, he did a good deal of it. He was past 70 when he moved to San Francisco and there started his controversial career as rabbi-in-residence at a freewheeling Christian church. And when Toronto newspapers reported on his doings and pronouncements as "ALF, rabbi emeritus of HBT," many of our members squirmed to see that he managed to draw the name of his congregation into the maelstrom of his activities. Of course, he knew their discomfort and he relished it. Making the comfortable uncomfortable was one of his pleasures in life and to him, a worthy goal in itself.

Motive force

He came from poor parents who scratched out a meagre living in a small town of Ohio, and he never forgot that aspect of his youth. He was haunted all his life by the spectre of poverty — for others and even for himself. I have no doubt that this pervasive fear became a motive force in his staunch advocacy of the rights and needs of the poor. They rarely had a vocal a spokesman as ALF.

Though deep down he was a believer, formal religious services appealed to him less and less. He led them when he was a congregational rabbi, but when relieved of his duties, he had no hesitation to call the whole religious enterprise into question — unless it would give itself to the pursuit of social action and become an unsparing critic of society.

Still, he was always the battling Jew, defending his people, defending Israel, and in the end, when the Angel of Death knocked at his door, he uncovered once more the reality of his faith. At the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis he gave the closing benediction. It was his farewell to his colleagues and to the world. He blessed them with his words even as he had blessed them and all of us with his life.

He was born on the eve of Yom Kippur and died on Rosh Hashanah. Between these two poles he lived his life, a meteor streaking across our horizon, leaving us with challenges and memories, and the emptiness of his absence.

"Disinformation" flap concerns

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The controversy in Washington over the Reagan administration's alleged use of "disinformation" in the U.S. and foreign news media against Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi is part of the bigger debate over the use of military force to combat terrorism.

Some of those political voices in the government arguing against the use of military force are attempting to undermine the position of the so-called "hardliners," led by secretary of State George Shultz and National Security Advisor John Poindexter.

"This is part of a war against the war on terrorism," one Washington insider commented.

There is also a very direct connection to Israel, according to U.S. officials, since those policymakers favoring very tough and unconventional measures against Libya are almost always the most pro-Israeli in their orientation. The other side is clearly less sympathetic.

In the often-fractious bureaucratic politics of Washington, U.S. officials said, anything that weakens the anti-Gadhafi hardliners is bound to eventually result in less overall U.S. support for Israel. That helps to explain why Israeli diplomats and other pro-Israeli political activists are so concerned over this latest "disinformation" flap.

"Our best friends — especially Poindexter — are being hurt right now," one pro-Israeli analyst said.

Among those resisting the tough U.S. posture against Gadhafi, including last April's bombing of Libyan targets, have been officials in the office of the Defence Secretary, Caspar Weinberger; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Bureau at the state department. But their hesitations have been rejected by President Reagan, Shultz, Poindexter and others.

On Oct. 2, The Washington Post reported that the Reagan administration had launched "a secret and unusual campaign of deception" designed to convince Gadhafi that he was about to be attacked again by U.S. bombers and perhaps be ousted in a coup. The secret plan, adopted at a White House meeting on Aug. 14, was outlined in a 3-page memo by Poindexter.

The Post story, written by Bob Woodward, caused a firestorm of protest, especially in the U.S. news media which noted that one of the key elements of Poindexter's strategy was to combine "real and illusory events — through a disinformation program — with the basic goal of making Gadhafi think [word underlined in the original] that there is a high degree of internal opposition to him within Libya, that his key trusted aides are disloyal, that the U.S. is about to move against him militarily."

After that memo was prepared, several U.S. newspapers, starting with The Wall Street Journal, reported extensively on supposed new plans in Washington to use force against Libya and about the increased internal opposition to Gadhafi. Woodward suggested in this story that those reports were not accurate, based in part on false information released by the Administration.

Administration hardliners, including Poindexter and Shultz, have been severely embarrassed by the disclosure of the secret memo to Woodward. They suspect that the leak came from a disgruntled official who was opposed to the Administration's tough line against Libya, including the use of military force. The FBI is reportedly looking for the leaker.

Shultz has denied that he had ever participated in any meeting where a plan to misinform the U.S. news media was discussed. "There isn't any intent to try to spread around false information," he said.

But he confirmed that the administration was still very anxious to "confuse" Gadhafi. When the U.S. bombed Libya in April, he continued, "it did disorient him, and it did put terrorism down for awhile. And we want to keep it that way.

"There are various ways in which we can do things that make him concerned. I don't see anything wrong with that."

But one immediate casualty from the escalating disinformation controversy was state department spokesman Bernard Kalb, who resigned in protest on Oct. 8.

"In taking this action," he said, "I want to emphasize that I am not dissenting from Secretary Shultz, a man of integrity, a man of credibility. Rather I am dissenting from the reported disinformation program."

Kalb, a former television news reporter who served in the state department for nearly two years, said he was concerned "about the impact of any such program on the credibility of the United States. Faith in the word of America is the pulse beat of our democracy. Anything that hurts America's credibility hurts America."

Thus, Kalb said he personally could not continue as spokesman for the state department. "I'm familiar with the absolute requirement of credibility," he said.

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Kalb's surprise resignation has generated enormous shock waves in Washington. Coming on the eve of President Reagan's mini-summit with Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, the resignation clearly embarrassed and weakened the President.

It has opened up many questions involving the administration's overall credibility. Kalb's dissent has clearly tended to confirm that the administration had indeed sought to plant false stories in the U.S. news media as part of a disinformation campaign aimed at confusing Gadhafi. Administration officials deny any such plan.

But Kalb, the 64-year-old former correspondent, could not passively go along with the reported effort. "You face a choice — as an American, as a spokesman, as a journalist — whether to allow oneself to be absorbed in the ranks of silence, whether to vanish into unopposed acquiescence or to enter a modest dissent," he told reporters during an emotional news conference. His voice cracked and he was near tears. He was applauded by the journalists at the end of the session.

At the White House, there was a deep anger at Kalb, especially because of the timing of his dissent.

Kalb, in his resignation statement, went out of his way to praise Shultz. But the two men clearly differed in their assessment of the disinformation program, and its impact on U.S. credibility.

Shultz, in earlier defending anything that might confuse Gadhafi, had quoted Winston Churchill who said during World War II: "In the time of war, the truth is so precious, it must be attended by a bodyguard of lies."

But Kalb obviously disagreed. After agonizing for several days, Kalb confronted Shultz with his decision. The secretary did not try to change his mind.

On Oct. 8, the secretary issued a terse statement: "I am sorry to see Bernie Kalb go. I admire him as a fine journalist, respect him as a colleague and adviser, and value him as a friend. Bernie has my thanks for the job he has done, and I wish him well."

The son of Jewish immigrants from Poland and Russia, Kalb worked for The New York Times from 1946 to 1961. He then joined CBS News, serving in Hong Kong and Indonesia for many years. In 1980, he joined NBC News, covering the state department with his brother, Marvin.

Milestones accumulate in our rites of passage

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Several years ago, my family gathered on Cape Cod for a weekend. We met at one of those restaurants where the menu is written on a blackboard held by a chummy waiter, and we had a wonderful time. With dinner concluded, the waiter brought the check and set it down in the middle of the table. That's when it happened. My father did not reach for the check.

In fact, my father did nothing. Conversation continued. I waited and waited and, finally, it dawned on me. Me! I was supposed to pick up the check. After hundreds of restaurant meals with my parents, after a lifetime of always thinking of my father as the one with the bucks, it had all changed. I reached for the check and whipped out my American Express card. My view of myself was suddenly altered. With a stroke of the pen, I was suddenly an adult.

Some people mark off their life in years, others in events. I am one of the latter and I think of some events as rites of passage. For instance, I did not become a young man at a particular age like 13. It was later, when a kid strolled into the store where I worked and called me "Mister." I turned around to see who he was calling. He repeated it several times — "Mister, mister" — looking straight at me. The realization hit like a punch: Me! He was talking to me. I was suddenly a Mister.

There have been other milestones and I remember them all well. One occurred when I noticed that policemen seemed to be getting younger, not to mention smaller. Another came when I suddenly realized that I was older than every football player I knew. Instead of being big men, they were merely big kids. With that milestone went the fantasy that sometime, maybe, I too could be a player — maybe not a football player, but certainly a baseball player. I had a good eye as a kid — not much power, but a keen eye — and I always thought I could play the game. One day I realized that I couldn't. Without having ever reached the hill, I was over it.

For some people, the ultimate milestone comes with the death of a parent and the realization that you have moved up a notch. As long as your parents live, you stay in some way a kid. At the very least, there remains at least one person whose love is unconditional.

I count other, less serious, milestones. I remember the day when I had a ferocious argument with my son and realized that I could no longer bully him. He was too big and the days when I could just pick him up and take him to his room/isolation cell were over. I needed to persuade, reason. He was suddenly, rapidly, older. The other conclusion was inescapable: So was I.

One day you go to your friends' weddings. One day you celebrate the birth of their kids. One day you see one of their kids driving and one day they have kids of their own. One day you meet at parties and then at weddings and then at funerals. It all happens in one day. Take my word for it.

I never thought I would ever fall asleep in front of the television set as my friends' fathers did. I never thought I would have trouble sleeping. I remember my parents and their friends talking about insomnia like they were members of a different species. Not able to sleep? How ridiculous. It was all I did once. It was what I once did best.

I thought that I would never eat a food that did not agree with me. Now I eat them all the time. I thought I would never stop playing basketball and never go to the beach and not swim. I spent all of August at the beach and never went into the ocean once. I thought I would never appreciate opera, but now the pathos, the schmaltz and, especially the combination of voice and music, appeal to me. The deaths of Mimi and Tosca move me. They die in my home as often as I can manage it.

I thought I would never prefer to stay home instead of going to a party, but now I find myself passing them up. I used to think that people who watch birds were weird, but this summer I found myself watching them and maybe I'll get a book on the subject.

I yearn for a religious conviction I never thought I'd want, exult in my heritage anyway, feel close to ancestors long gone and echo my father in arguments with my son. I still lose.

One day I made a good toast. One day I handled a head waiter. One day I bought a house. One day — what a day! — I became a father and not too long after that I picked up the check for my own. I thought then and there it was a rite of passage for me. Not until I got older did I realize that it was one for him too. Another milestone.

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Pool of expertise provided

Canadian CJF head to stress public policy issues

By
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TORONTO —

One thing that seems to follow Jews wherever they go is a penchant for organizing themselves. Setting up committees, organizations, federations of organizations, councils of federations of organizations and umbrella groups for councils of federations of organizations seems to be as natural as spreading cream cheese on a bagel.

One of the lesser known of the plethora of Jewish groups is the Council of Jewish Federations, set up in 1932 as an association of federations to facilitate the distribution of data research, provide forums to exchange information and to assist inter-organization activities.

"The role of the federation is to provide a central address for the community, to enhance the quality of Jewish life," says **Bert Abugov, director of the Canadian office of CJF.**

Although more than 200 North American federations belong to CJF, only 10 of them are Canadian: Toronto Jewish Congress, Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal as well as federations in Winnipeg, London, Windsor, Hamilton, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver count themselves as members.

With that staggering number of constituent groups to consider, the CJF is "non-ideological" in its focus, Abugov says. On the contrary, its aim is, in part, to develop unity, cohesion and consensus on certain fundamental issues of concern to Jewish communities everywhere, such as education, culture, social services, welfare and Israel.

Businessman Jack Rose, recently named chairman of the Canadian committee of CJF, says during his 2-year term of office, he intends to make public policy issues, such as health and welfare, a prime concern.

The CJF works by assisting its constituent federations plan its policies by calling on the expertise and experience of other federations which have had to deal with similar problems and issues, Rose says.

A problem in supplying services to the elderly or to children, for example, can be smoothed by pooling the information of other communities and applying their hard-learned lessons.

Sometimes, specialists employed by CJF in New York or elsewhere are called in for their advice.

As an example, Abugov points to a meeting held in Hamilton not too long ago to assist that community develop a plan for the provision of services. And in London, a specialist was called in to help solve federation administrative problems.

Two years ago, CJF was active in facilitating the development of specific housing programs for the elderly in Hamilton, Windsor and London, while in the last few years, CJF has assisted in the development of regional programs to deal with a variety of issues.

Bert Abugov

Jack Rose

Advice from the U.S. is also forthcoming in key areas of federation life, but when it comes to fund raising campaigns, with distinctive tax laws in the U.S. and Canada, it becomes an issue that must be tackled on Canadian soil.

In fact, the Canadian office of CJF (located in Toronto) was set up in 1978 to "Canadianize services in terms of materials and resources, to facilitate collaborative actions by Canadian federations and to develop a cadre of leaders," Abugov says.

An example is a 3-day meeting held at Maple Lake near Parry Sound last summer to discuss fund raising campaigns and questions surrounding endowments, Abugov says.

CJF holds an annual assembly attended by up to 3,000 people, says Rose, an event he describes as "the most significant Jewish event in North America." During the "jampacked program, every aspect of Jewish life is discussed," he adds.

An important aspect of CJF's activities in Canada was its development of the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry, designed to provide a cooperative process of review, consultation and recommendations by Canadian communities and organizations about financial allocations to beneficiary organizations, Abugov says.

"That's how national organizations — CJC, Network, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, the Joint Distribution Committee — are funded," he adds.

One of the major thrusts of CJF in upcoming months will be in the search and development of "committed, representative Jews" for leadership positions, says Rose. FEREP, the federation recruitment training program which is subsidizing the education of two Canadian social workers this year, is one such executive recruitment plan.

Rose and Abugov are themselves the products of years of service at various Jewish federations. From 1975-76, Rose was president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the precursor to TJC, and he is a member of the board of the Jewish Agency.

From 1961-69 Abugov was involved in social planning with UJWF and he has worked at Jewish Family & Child Service as well.

He joined CJF as director in 1980.

Clark set to present Mideast policy to CIC

Joe Clark

OTTAWA —

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark will set forth the government's Mideast policy here in a speech to the annual conference of the Canada-Israel Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Clark's address will be his first before a national Jewish audience since his tour of the Middle East earlier this year. At that time, he traveled to Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The speech also comes shortly after the visit to Canada of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The 1½-day CIC conference is designed to inform Jewish community leadership and membership on the state of Canada-Israel relations and on Middle Eastern issues. The conference attracts many members of Parliament, senators and senior civil servants, as well as journalists and leading figures in the business community.

Liberal spokesman Lloyd Axworthy will state his party's Mideast position as will Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Since one must observe the second day of Yom Tov, and Simchat Torah is a very popular example of that practice, why don't we have two days of Yom Kippur?

True halacha is livable. The second day of Yom Tov is an excellent proof showing the capacity of the Talmudic sages to give us living laws. We all need more holidays. We all like a long weekend. The worker who gets one week vacation a year, has his union try to get him another week. Those who get three weeks vacation, seek a fourth week. A second day of Yom Tov, in this sense, means more joy, more time for the family, more time for shul, and more time for a sefer.

Rabbi Burak

But that does not mean that attempts were not made to have two days of Yom Kipppur. The Talmud discussed it and discarded the idea when it proved dangerous. One of those who fasted died right away. That alone, however, would not have put an end to the practice. Does not the Torah tell us that Queen Esther gave these instructions to Mordechai. . . .

"Go, gather together all the Jews that are in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast in like manner" (Esther, 3:16). It would appear then, that a 2-day fast for Yom Kippur would not be dangerous, unless you mean to argue that the men and women in biblical times were stronger than we are.

Some pious men did observe two days of Yom Kippur during the medieval period. Since there were some Talmudic sages who had done it, they wanted to imitate them, and did. In the Tur, Chapter 624, O.H., right at the end of the chapter, we are told that Chassidei Ashkenaz, the Pious Men of Germany, did institute a second day of Yom Kippur. They had a special minyan for that purpose. Perhaps poverty had trained them to be able to fast on consecutive days.

But, while the religious authorities did permit them to fast, they instituted some controls over the service. The fasters could say all the piyutim, the poetic compositions of the Yom Kippur. They were not permitted to say any of the special benedictions that go with the fast. The Amidah had to be that of the ordinary week days. That's what we are told in the Beth Yosef on the Tur.

For all that some godly men tried, unsuccessfully, to make Yom Kippur a 2-day fast, the tendency nowadays is to make Yom Kippur shorter. Young men investigate various shuls, and find out just how short the fast will be. Reports are that a certain shul will finish their service by 7.22 p.m. Another will complete it all by 7.23 p.m. And they want to emulate this in their own synagogue.

With the sunset that day being at 6.39 p.m., that's allowing no more than 43 to 44 minutes for the arrival of the stars that ends the fast day. Interestingly, a Conservative temple in the area of one of these shuls didn't complete the service till 7.30 p.m.

The giant of our times, Reb Moshe Feinstein z.l., in his Iggeros Moshe, O.H. 4, responsum 62 (5741) discusses the times of sunset, twilight, and the arrival of the stars. At the end of the responsum, he gives us this ruling: "In the matter of the finish of a rabbinical (derabbanan) fast, one may relax the rule for one who finds fasting difficult, that he should eat . . . after 41 minutes. . . . Those for whom the fasting is not hard, should wait 50 minutes (after sunset).

That's his ruling for New York, for a rabbinical fast. But, Yom Kippur is a Torah fast. Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva concluded the service at 8.10 p.m. Baltimore's Agudas Israel Synagogue finished Yom Kippur at 72 minutes after sunset.

But two hostile resolutions passed

ICAO session largely plus for Israel

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The 26th assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization wrapped up its 18-day session mostly on the plus side for Israel, but also on a sour note.

Israel's comprehensive package of proposals to combat air and airport terrorism cleared the assembly and will be forwarded to ICAO's 33-member governing council for consideration.

Rumors that attempts would be made to block the Israeli initiative failed to transpire.

But on the negative side, the assembly passed a resolution, sponsored by Jordan, Iraq, Sudan, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria and Saudi Arabia, which reiterated two previous resolutions condemning Israel for its 1973 interception of a Lebanese commercial jet — erroneously suspected of carrying Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader George Habash — and for its 1985 air strike against suspected PLO headquarters in Tunisia.

Those two resolutions, culminated in the form of ICAO resolution 820-1 last year and was recalled in the form of a new resolution here directing the governing council to "take appropriate measures to implement it. The council, however, is not bound to do so."

By a count of hands, 68 nations voted in favor of the resolution, two — the U.S. and Israel — voted against, with 38 abstainees, among them Canada. The U.S. move reversed its approval of the 1973 resolution.

Sweden, to Israel's surprise, voted in favor of the resolution, contrary to its usual form of abstaining with the Western European block of nations.

Sources in the Israeli delegation said Sweden supported the resolution to be consistent with its 1973 vote. Egypt and Cyprus did not vote.

Israeli and American delegation heads Shay Shohamy and Edmund Stohr strongly condemned the resolution.

The Tunisian raid, Shohamy said, was not against the country but against terrorism, the very thing ICAO has now made a priority on its agenda.

He raised the point that between 1968 and 1985, the majority of victims of terrorism has not been Israelis, which makes it of international priority and concern.

Stohr called the resolution "unbalanced" for singling out Israel, and a "political resolution out of scope of ICAO's mandate" which will work against promoting peace in the Middle East.

Moshe Kimche, Israeli vice-consul in Montreal and a member of the Israeli delegation, told The Canadian Jewish News that despite the resolution, which he described as merely "political," Israel's participation this year received a more receptive hearing than in previous assemblies.

"There was a spirit of cooperation," he said, mainly with the U.S. and Canadian delegation, but also among all Western nations. "Israel's words were most welcome in every forum," he said.

"The most important thing is the new consciousness among all countries to fight terrorism, despite the political considerations. There seemed to be a better understanding, a warmer atmosphere toward Israel in bilateral considerations.

"Our speeches got a warm and pleasant reaction."

Israel supported the Canadian resolution which unanimously passed the assembly, calling for terrorist attacks at airports to be considered an international crime.

The resolution, if it becomes international law through worldwide ratification, would make it mandatory for countries to prosecute or allow the extradition of terrorists suspected of attacking airports, regardless of the country where they are apprehended.

The resolution, co-sponsored by more than 30 nations, fills a gap left in ICAO's Hague and Montreal conventions which limited its jurisdiction to terrorist acts committed in the air only. The lack of international conventions on terrorism, said Canadian officials, makes it difficult, in some circumstances, to prosecute.

A special diplomatic conference is scheduled for the end of 1987, instead of the usual 3-year wait, for which ICAO's legal committee will draft language for consideration in regards to the Canadian initiative. The process was reduced to one year, said Canadian ICAO delegate Darryl Gray, because of the "urgency and importance" of the issues involved.

Israel's proposals were not voted on specifically but were approved to be forwarded to ICAO's governing council for future consideration.

Among its recommendations were the creation of international terrorist squads, increasing the scope of current internation agreements to include airports, airline offices, and travel agencies; a 15-point list of security measures, and a minimum 20-year sentence imposed on convicted terrorists, including a mandatory life term for taking a life.

Although the subject of terrorism took up most of the assembly's agenda, the continuing presence of the PLO, said Kimche, was a continuing irony.

"The PLO was ignored," he said, "but here is the organization that masterminded the hijacking of aircraft participating in the debate in the fight against terrorism."

Pope invites religious reps to day of prayer for peace

ROME (JTA) —

Pope John Paul II has issued invitations to Jews, Christians and representatives of other faiths to convene at Assisi Oct. 27 for an international day of prayer for peace.

Through diplomatic channels, all nations are being asked to lay down their arms for the entire day, reporters were told at a Vatican press conference. The appeal has gone out not only to nations in a state of war of formal belligerence but also "to those who seek to achieve their aims through terrorism or other forms of violence," Msgr. Achille Silverstrini, the Vatican secretary of state, declared.

"Of course we realize that peace cannot be achieved by prayer alone, however essential it be. Prayer must go together with a conversion of the heart and an active commitment to justice," Silverstrini said.

The papal invitations were divided between "Christians" and "non-Christians" but Jews were included on the Christians list because, Silverstrini explained, of the "special bond" Christians feel they have with Jews and because of historical reasons dating back to the 1965 Second Ecumenical Council (Vatican II) when the Office for Religious Relations with Jews was incorporated into the secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

The non-Christian faiths invited include Hindu, Buddhist, Islam, Shinto, Zoroastro and the "traditional religions" of American Indians and Africans. But Islam is to be represented solely by nations not at war, such as Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast.

Moslem nations such as Iran and Iraq, which are at war with each other, Libya, Syria and Saudi Arabia, technically in a state of war with Israel, were not invited because "their simultaneous presence would create divisions at Assisi and not serve the cause of peace," Silverstrini said.

Papal invitations were extended to the Rome Jewish community, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultation (IJCIC) which is the Holy See's official Jewish partner in dialogue. The IJCIC comprises the American Jewish Committee, Synagogue Council of America, Israel Interfaith Committee, World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith International.

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Mideast terrorists hit more non-Jews—study

NEW YORK (JTA) — Middle East terrorists actually struck at non-Jewish targets at a higher rate than Israeli or Jewish ones during the first five years of the 1980s, a study released here shows.

The study, prepared by the World Jewish Congress, presents a comprehensive statistical analysis of terrorism against Jewish and Israeli targets in Europe from 1980-1985.

It finds that of 154 terrorists attacks on Jewish and Israeli targets during the period, the 10 most devastating were carried out by individuals connected with Palestinian terrorist organizations. These 10 attacks accounted for 70% of all fatalities and casualties.

Bystanders were especially at risk, the study shows. In these attacks, the majority of victims were passersby who did not directly belong to the target group, the study notes.

Although the terrorists generally claim an anti-Israel motivation, the study finds that in three out of four incidents the targets were local Jewish community institutions — such as synagogues — rather than specifically Israeli-related targets. "The statistics belie the political claims of these murderers, demonstrating they act out of base racism and anti-semitic motives," the WJC states.

But the terrorists do not only target Jews. During the period analyzed, Middle Eastern terrorist attacks resulted in 1,387 casualties. Of these, 747 individuals (54% of the total) were non-Jewish.

The report stresses, however, that statistics cannot tell the whole story. "Statistical accounts do not express the sense of intimidation which is today prevalent among Jewish communities in Europe as actual and potential targets of local and international terrorism."

The study, Terrorism Against Jewish and Israeli Targets in Europe, 1980-85, was prepared by the WJC research arm, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, and is based on reports made available by the national Jewish communities in Europe.

Lemieux named director of Quebec affairs by CJC

MONTREAL — Gilbert Lemieux has been appointed the Canada-Israel Committee's director of Quebec affairs, CIC national chairman Sidney Spivak has announced.

Spivak noted that Lemieux, 44, is a native of Quebec and had lived in Israel — elements the CIC chairman said, that were special qualifications for the position.

"We are confident," he said, "that Gilbert Lemieux will bring a new, creative and dynamic dimension to CIC's work in the province of Quebec."

Gilbert Lemieux

Lemieux has an academic background in the arts and extensive experience as a journalist with Radio-Canada International, the international service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Most recently, he was senior computer programmer with the ministry of industry and commerce in Israel.

Fluent in several languages, including Hebrew, he assumes responsibility for CIC's operations in Quebec, especially in the areas of government and media relations.

As well, Lemieux will work closely with CIC's Quebec regional council and its chairman, Ted Greenfield.

Lemieux has a long-standing commitment to developing ties between Canada and Israel. He is a founder and former president of Amities Quebec-Israel, the Quebec-Israel Friendship Association.

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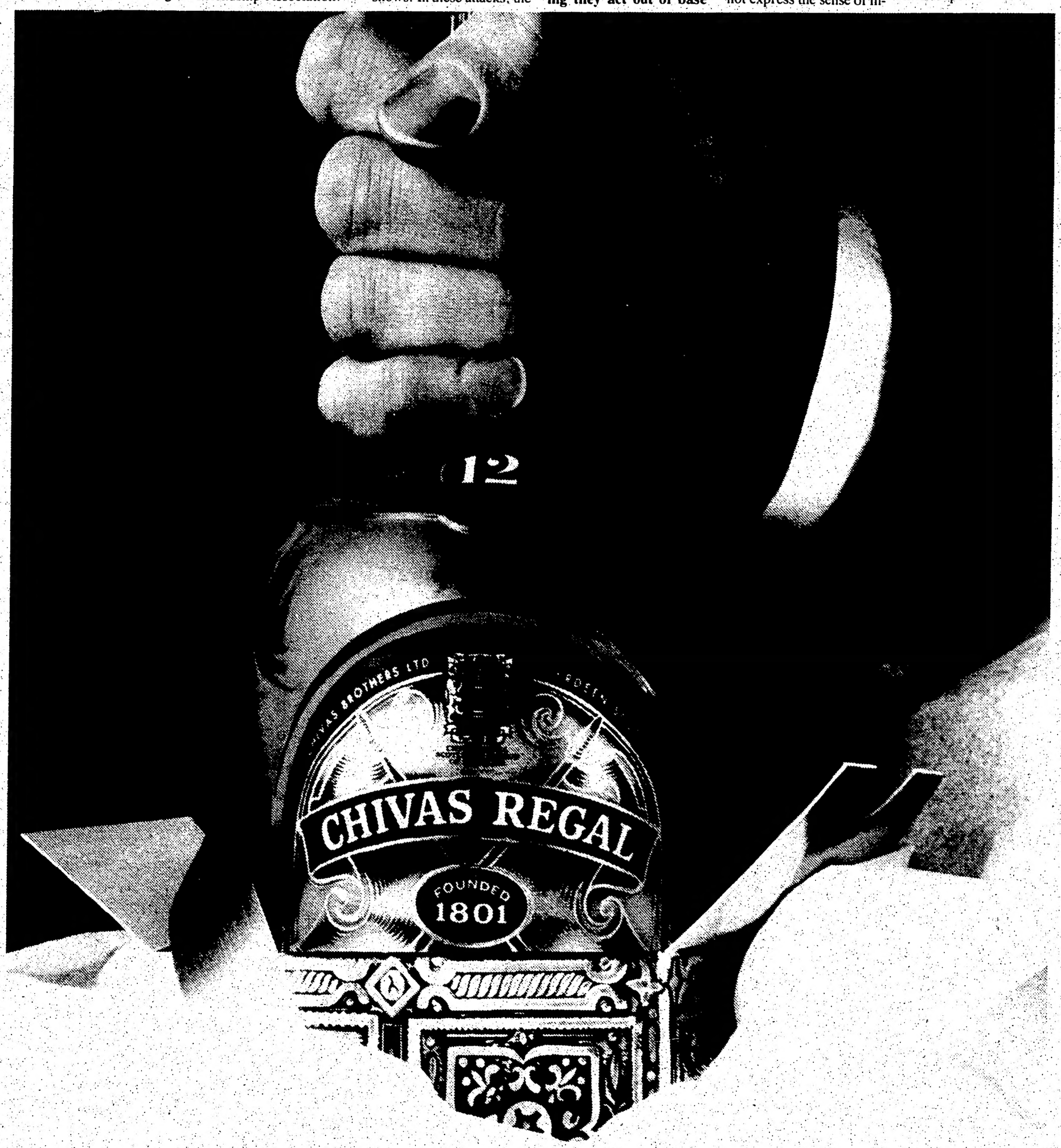

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Hadassah honors women who exposed Jim Keegstra

EDMONTON —

The two women who effectively blew the whistle on the anti-semitic teachings of Jim Keegstra were honored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at its national executive meeting here recently.

The organization paid tribute to Margaret Andrew and Susan Maddox of Eckville, Alta., for their persistence in bringing the activities of Keegstra at Eckville High School to the attention of relevant government and educational authorities.

—Their efforts brought an end to what they referred to as a "dark episode" within the community.

"It takes a certain kind of strength to adopt a firm position when it would probably be easier to stand by passively and not stir up the community," said Cecily Peters, president of Hadassah-WIZO.

"Throughout history, there have been special people who have exhibited that strength — and Margaret and Susan are in their exalted company."

A special contribution was made in their honor to Studies in Anti-Semitism, a Canadian Hadassah-WIZO project at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Racism and discrimination was also the theme of a talk by Prof. David Bercuson of the University of Calgary. Bercusson, who co-authored a Trust Betrayed: The Keegstra Affair, questioned from the Jewish perspective just how tolerant Canadians really are of a multicultural society.

As well, Bruce Elman, professor of law at the University of Alberta who observed the Keegstra trial and authored a series of articles on the subject, spoke on various aspects of the Criminal Code dealing with hate propaganda.

This was the largest national executive meeting ever held in Edmonton, and was attended by 110 members from across the country. Ruth Tekoah, chairman of the Israel WIZO federation, spoke during the proceedings which also included discussions of membership, fund raising, finances and projects in Israel.

The meeting also featured a fund raising seminar conducted by Irving Bernstein, past executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S.A.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog and Harriet Morton, Women's Canadian ORT national president.

Emigre wins battle, registered as Jew

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The interior ministry announced this week it will register Mordechai Koch as a Jew after 12 years of refusing repeated requests by the Russian-born immigrant to be so registered.

The ministry acted as the Supreme Court was about to enter the case on appeal by Koch. It declined to say why it reversed its position or why Koch was refused Jewish identity to begin with. He is a veteran of the Yom Kippur War and the war in Lebanon.

Koch, 33, told the High Court that he was born in the USSR to Jewish parents who immigrated to Israel 21 years ago to escape anti-semitic harassment. The entire family was registered as Jewish on arrival. But in 1974, while still on active duty in the army, Koch said he was notified by the interior ministry that his status in the official registrar was changed from Jewish to Christian and that he therefore was no longer a citizen of Israel.

More than a decade of appeals and entreaties began. At one point Koch asked to undergo ritual conversion rites, but all of his pleas were rejected without any reason being offered. When he applied to marry his fiance, he was told he could not marry because his intended bride was Jewish and he was not.

The couple has lived out of wedlock and have two children. Koch said he despaired of any relief from the rabbinical courts and appealed to the Supreme Court as a last resort.

Let Jews out, MP asks Soviets

OTTAWA —

The Soviet Union should release all Refuseniks, especially those suffering from terminal cancer, as the first step towards achieving worldwide political stability, MP Sheila Finestone said in a Rosh Hashanah message in the House of Commons.

"Jews throughout the world are ushering in their calendar year 5747 with the prayer of hope that this new year may bring with it greater political will by all world leaders to negotiate toward peace, toward a sense of personal security, and toward political stability for all mankind," Finestone, MP for Mount Royal, said.

"A first step in that direction would be the release of Soviet Refuseniks, particularly those who are suffering from terminal cancer, to allow them the dignity of dying with their loved ones at their side. We insist that the Soviet Union honor its signature on the Helsinki Accords, that it act in a humanitarian way and let them leave. Otherwise such oppression diminishes the Soviet Union as a nation in the eyes of all Canadians."

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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GUZIK — LUBCHANSKY

Freda Hart Green, of Toronto, writes that her father had adopted the surname GUSEN, although his brothers retained the name GUZIK.

GUZIK is the Slavonic word for button. Its equivalent in German is KNOPF, the familiar name of a book publisher.

It belongs to the vocation of tailoring which accounts for the common surname of SCHNEIDER. Some of the components of the tailoring trade appear in such names as NADEL (needle), FINGERHUT (thimble), FADEN and ZWIRN (thread), and MODEL (pattern).

Her mother's maiden name was LUBCHANSKY. If the spelling is correct, I can find no precise relationship with any place name or description. I offer two possible derivations:

(1) the town of LUBACZOW in southeastern Poland near the Ukrainian border; and

(2) the Polish word LUBICIA, which means sweetheart, like the German word LIEBCHEN.

I am sure that the latter will be preferred.

ORT urged to promote "technological aliya"

JERUSALEM —

Delegates to the recent World ORT Congress here were urged to place "technological aliya" high on their agenda by Israeli President Chaim Herzog who was among many senior Israeli leaders who attended the conference.

"That means not only encouraging people to come to Israel but helping to create the infrastructure for absorbing them," through high-tech employment, he said.

Herzog has a long relationship with ORT. He relinquished his presidency of the organization only when he became president of Israel.

Former President of Israel Prof. Ephraim Katzir was elected president of the World ORT Union unanimously by the 450 delegates from 27 countries. He stressed that education in Jewish values must be increased to counteract possible misuse of technology.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres gave the delegates an overview of his recent travels to Morocco, the U.S., Canada, Egypt and West Africa. He spoke of the need for Israel to be in the leading edge of technological development and the role that "ORT has played in training and teaching is inestimable.

"Israel mantains its superiority in the Middle East in technological research and development and will continue to be the leader with the help of ORT," Peres said.

A highlight of the congress for the Canadian delegation was the election of Dorothy Schoichet as a vice-president of the World ORT Union, the first Canadian woman to hold such a post. Shoichet is a past national president of Women's Canadian ORT.

In recognition of "outstanding dedication to the ORT cause," Ruth Druxerman of Toronto was unanimously elected an honorary vice-president of World ORT. Druxerman, a former national president, is currently Canadian national chairperson of ORT's Karmiel School building campaign — a $22 million project in which Canada is committed to raise $2½ million.

Women's Canadian ORT's national president Harriet Morton of Toronto led the Canadian delegation which included Torontonians Ruth and Alven Druxerman, Dorothy Shoichet, Diane Uslaner, and Winipeggers Joann and Harry Smith.

Morton described the congress as "an exhilarating opportunity to interact with other ORTists from around the world, to witness firsthand the vital role which ORT schools play in training both the Israeli workforce and in providing technological education in such centres of Jewish populations as France, Argentina, Britain, South Africa, Italy and India."

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

In October 1979 — at about the date King Solomon ended the dedication of the first Temple, on Tishrei 22 — Israeli Egyptologist, Eva Danelius confirmed that the Queen of Sheba was a high Egyptian, not Arabian personage.

The most celebrated queen in ancient history inspired fabulous legends. These eclipsed whatever facts were extant.

A hoopoe, a long-billed crested bird, was said to have told Solomon of the single kingdom and its ruler who were not under his dominion. He promptly sent the mystical harbinger back to Sheba with the demand for tribute and a personal pledge of allegiance. She dispatched a host of treasure-laden ships escorted by 6,000 youths clothed in royal purple. Three years later she arrived in Jerusalem with a personal retinue that outdazzled the sun. For all these riches, she was still unprepared for Solomon's court. Her first reaction at the sight of the palace's brightly burnished floor was to bare her legs as if to step into water. This apparent faux pas broke the ice and endeared her to him.

Dallied at court

Her riddles found Solomon's wisdom all it was reputed to be. She dallied at his court, inspiring his love poems Song of Songs. After a number of months, she returned home with many gifts — and perhaps with child. The Ethiopians identify their founding king Menelik I as the son of Solomon and Sheba.

Solomon built a shrine in her honor which she could claim upon her return. She never came back, but one of her aides did — in a way the king did not anticipate.

Danelius moved to Palestine as a young girl from Hitler's Germany. A British volunteer during World War II, she studied Egyptian archeology directly for a number of years. She learned a local tradition that the Queen of Sheba was the woman Pharoah Hatshepsut, who had her own temple at Tel el-Bahri, opposite Karnak. She explored the queen's Red Sea route and its southward extension into the mountains of Erithrea, and studied the famous Punt reliefs at Hatsheput's temple.

Hatshepsut was succeeded by the warrior king Thutmose III. A Karnak wall describes a successful campaign in Canaan, which Egyptologists estimated at around 1500 BCE. His loot included vessels suspiciously similar to Temple furnishings, in Danelius' eyes. His generals' refusal to proceed along an ill-omened path, the road of Aruna, stuck in the back of her mind. Its common identification with the "relatively harmless" Wadi Ara was jarring. It was "an insult" for an army that had tamed the rugged high Ethiopian mountains to fear a pass across the smooth low Carmel, she wrote.

Facilitated ambushes

In his Ages in Chaos, controversial historian Immanuel Velikovsky marshals impressive evidence for a contraction of some 600 years in the span of Egypt's history, synchronizing its annals with ancient Israel's. He identified Thutmose III as the Egyptian Shishak who sacked plump Israel during the reign of Solomon's son Rehoboam. The actual name of the land Thutmose made vassal was not Retjenu, but Arzenu he said. The pieces fell together for Danelius. It really was Temple artifacts depicted on the conqueror's wall. His generals' dreaded road was the winding way up from the Mediterranean coast through the Judean mountains to the former "threshing floor of Aruna the Jebusite, the very place where Solomon's Temple stood."

The road has always facilitated ambushes. Also, Josephus describes how Joshua was saved from pursuers on it by "God's intervention in the form of thunderbolts." That was when the Israelites entered the Promised Land. For the next 500 years, the road was shunned by enemies of His chosen people.

"In Rehoboam's time," Danelius writes, "this same people was demoralized, their morals corrupt (Josephus) . . . Their God would no longer intervene." As the records suggest to Danelius, Thutmose had scouted the land and gauged its populace while an aide to Sheba on her visit. Returning at the head of an invading Egyptian army, he took the road head on, fearing no Divine intervention. His triumphs proved him right.

Protesters pray, demonstrate

Soviet Jewry in Iceland limelight

By EDWIN EYTAN

Editor's note: Because of Yom Kippur, the Oct. 16 edition of The CJN went to press early and we missed the report on the Reagan-Gorbachev summit held that weekend. So we're bringing you the "Jewish angle" of that major event now — stories you didn't see in the daily media or on TV.

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REYKJAVIK (JTA) — Jewish activists and families of Refuseniks from a half dozen countries pleaded the cause of Soviet Jewry at the summit meeting here between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Oct. 11-12. They prayed in public and demonstrated peacefully, joined by Icelandic sympathizers and others. Some activists erected a symbolic cage outside the Hefti House where the two leaders held their meeting.

The Soviets, for their part, seemed to offer a slight ray of hope that restrictions on Jewish emigration from the USSR could, possibly, be eased in the future. One Russian spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "things are changing" and hinted that the authorities may be more accommodating in the future.

A member of the Soviet delegation, Samuel Zivs, who came here to deal with "the Jewish issue," met several Refusenik families whom he asked for details of their relatives' cases and promised to facilitate their departure.

The line taken by official Soviet spokesmen was that while the USSR refuses to let "foreign countries meddle in its internal affairs," it is now prepared to study some of the issues raised by Soviet Jews on a case-by-case basis "out of humanitarian considerations."

The Soviets said that message was also relayed to the American delegation with which they met in an ad hoc commission dealing with humanitarian issues, regional conflicts and bilateral affairs.

But these hints were vague and hopes for any substantive change for the better for Soviet Jews diminished after the summit ended without agreement on the major issue of arms control, and the U.S. and USSR each blamed the other for the failure.

In private conversations before leaving Reykjavik, Soviet officials claimed that had the talks succeeded, a compromise solution on humanitarian issues would have been reached. "All this is a pity," one Soviet spokesman said of the summit's failure.

But the Jewish leaders and others who had converged on the Icelandic capital, days before the start of the summit meetings, achieved their objective of bringing the plight of Soviet Jewry to the attention of the superpower leaders while international attention was focused on them.

American Jews were represented here by delegations from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), headed by its chairman, Morris Abram, and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry. David Wakesberg of San Francisco, a UCSJ vice-president, summarized their purpose when he said: "We will be presenting cases to the media and delegations and try to insist that Soviet Jews are not forgotten."

Two Knesset members, Nava Arad, Labor, and Uzi Landau of Likud, were part of a large Israeli delegation that included relatives of prominent Refuseniks. They met with the president of the Icelandic parliament, Thorvakdur Gardar Kristjansson, who expressed support for the cause of Soviet Jewry.

Arad's wife met with women members of parliament whom she asked to take up the cause of "mothers of prisoners" in the USSR and to intercede on their behalf.

Especially poignant was the case of Michael Shirman, an immigrant to Israel from the Soviet Union who is suffering from bone cancer and needs a marrow transplant which only his sister, Inessa Flerova, can supply. Flerova has been unable to leave for Israel because an exit visa has been denied her husband, Victor Flerova, to accompany her.

Shirman camped outside the summit meeting hall for two days, sometimes in heavy rain, carrying a poster "to remind President Reagan that he is meeting the man (Gorbachev) who is murdering me."

On Friday night prior to the meetings, two Jewish students from Britain spent the entire night outside the Saga Hotel which housed the Soviet delegation, intoning prayers and reciting the names of 11,000 Refuseniks. Other demonstrators held up photographs of longtime Refuseniks. They attended Soviet press briefings with posters urging the kremlin leadership to "prove it has changed" by allowing Jews to emigrate.

Jewish prayer services were led by Yosef Mendelevich who immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union in 1981. He was joined by an Israeli rabbi, Benjami Lehman, who noted that custom dictated that in times of crisis, Jews pray in public.

Police refused to permit the service outside the hotel. The group gathered outside the press centre, about 150 yards away. Icelandic sympathizers sang with them. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." The Jews sang Hatikvah.

An Icelandic foreign ministry spokesman told the JTA, "Everybody is free to demonstrate in our country. The only thing we demand is that the summit meeting should be able to go along undisturbed as planned."

Jews weren't the only demonstrators. Two young men unfurled a banner outside the Saga Hotel accusing the Soviets of oppressing the Hare Krishna sect. The Greenpeace movement brought its ship, Sirius, to anchor at the Reykjavik harbor approaches. Coast Guard vessels prevented it from entering the harbor.

Summit failure seen affecting Refuseniks

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The failure of President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reach an agreement on arms controls during their meetings in Iceland may also lessen hopes for improvements in Soviet human rights practices, including Jewish emigration from the USSR.

Both Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz in their reports on the Iceland talks stressed that human rights were discussed and Shultz hinted that a statement on the issue was in the offing.

But Reagan emphasized in his nationally-televised post-summit speech from his White House office that he had told Gorbachev, as he had when the two first met in Geneve last year, that the United States will judge Soviet action on human rights not just words.

"I made it plain that the United States would not seek to exploit improvement in these matters for purposes of propaganda," Reagan said in his Oval Office television address.

"But I also made it plain, once again, that an improvement of the human condition within the Soviet Union is indispensable for an improvement in bilateral relations with the United States."

Reagan said he told Gorbachev, "again in Reykjavik as I had in Geneva, we Americans place far less weight upon the words that are spoken at meetings such as these than upon the deeds that follow.

"When it comes to human rights and judging Soviet intentions, we are all from Missouri. You have to show us."

While Reagan did not specifically mention Soviet Jewry, Shultz did in response to a question on human rights at his briefing in Reykjavik after the Reagan-Gorbachev talks ended.

"The issue of human rights was brought up on a number of occasions and some very significant material was passed to the Soviet Union, which they accepted," Shultz said.

He said this material "stated not only our views, but in detail things about Jewish immigration, the numbers of people who have signified their desire to leave, lists of people and things of that kind."

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry had provided Shultz with charts on Jewish emigration, which totaled only 126 in September and 667 for the first nine months of 1986, as well as a list of Jewish prisoners of conscience and the names of 11,000 of the estimated 400,000 Refuseniks.

Shultz suggested there might have been a statement on human rights if the arms agreement had not collapsed at the last minute.

"And in what might have been a statement coming out of the meeting dealing with this issue, the subject is explicitly referred to," he said.

"Perhaps at some point there is a prospect of setting up some kind of systematic basis for discussing it. But of course that remains to be seen," Shultz said.

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Editorial

Richly merited

During a recent visit to Waterloo, Ont., where he spoke to a university audience, Elie Wiesel was asked by a journalist how he responded to people who say they have heard enough about the Holocaust.

"I would say," responded Wiesel, "that they have not heard enough."

For the past 25 years Elie Wiesel, the sweet elegiast of the Jewish people, has acted as a literary and public witness for the inhuman crimes perpetrated against the Jewish people during the Holocaust.

Wiesel's act of witnessing has now been recognized by the Stockhlom Academy and the bestowal upon Wiesel of the Nobel Peace Prize. It is a richly merited award.

One of the remarkable achievements of Elie Wiesel is that despite the anguish, pain and melancholy he has gone through as a result of his Holocaust travail, he has never permitted his personal suffering to blunt his own human sensitivities to the plight of others, Jews and Gentiles.

Wiesel's probing of the Holocaust in plays, novels and other literary works has led him to understand that the Jewish experience during the Holocaust is a paradigm for what can happen when the base instincts of man run wild.

While he has been very careful not to permit others to exploit the Holocaust for political purposes (for Wiesel it is a uniquely Jewish tragedy) Wiesel has taken as one of its lessons the need to teach compassion for the persecuted and to succor the needy.

In implementing this belief Wiesel has traveled thousands of miles all over this globe to be with persecuted Indian tribes in South America and with victims of political violence in southeast Asia. Everywhere his message has been the same. Men do not have the right to dehumanize their fellow men.

In a world where savage brutalities are the coin of too many realms, Wiesel's humanitarian voice calling out for reason, sanity and compassion rings out with compelling resonance.

Congratulations Elie Wiesel: may you go from strength to strength.

A fine record

We are pleased to note that Canada has been awarded the Fridtjof Nansen Distinction, a prize which officially recognizes this country's fine record towards refugees.

The award is named after a remarkable gentleman who occupies a central role in Michael Marrus's recent book *The Unwanted*. During the period between the two world wars Nansen worked indefatigably on behalf of homeless people who were buffeted both by the effects of the World War I and political dislocations in Europe.

Nansen singlehandedly arranged for the repatriation of hundreds of thousands of German and Russian soldiers.

There are some Canadians, however, who will be unhappy that Canada has been the recipient of the Nansen award because they believe that this nation's immigration policy is far too porous as it is.

This, of course, is quite incorrect. Canada's immigration policies are actually quite stringent — as anyone can attest to if he or she has had occasion to apply for immigrant status to this country from abroad.

Where Canada's policies are indeed humane and enlightened are in the area of refugee situations. Canada is cognizant of the fact that there are many countries in the world today where indigenous populations find themselves on the move because of civil strife, religious discrimination or ethnic persecution.

The arrival on these shores of Tamil refugees last summer is an example of Canada's attitude towards those fleeing life-threatening situations.

The Tamil refugees, however, are not the only people in that category which Canada has succored of late. Refugees from Iron Curtain countries and from Communist countries in Asia have also found a refuge in this land.

As Canada's reputation for humanity towards refugees spreads so does the number of hapless people seeking asylum.

We cannot help but note the stunning reversal of Canada's policy regarding refugees. Between 1933 and 1948 Canada had the most mean-spirited policy in the world towards refugees. Had it been different thousands of Jews might have been saved.

Times have changed, however, and we are all better for it. Let Canada continue its fine policy towards refugees.

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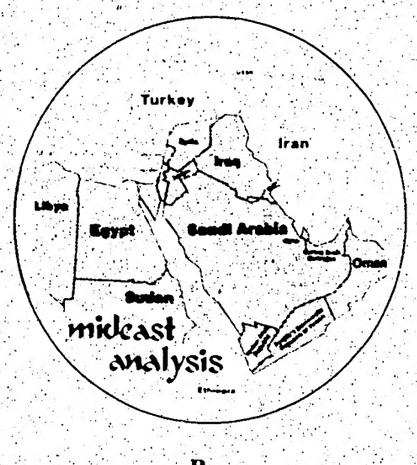
Focus on bloody career of Abu Nidal

The most dangerous terrorist



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

If there is one terrorist who strikes fear into the hearts of world travelers it is surely Sabri al Banna. Newspaper readers who recoil at his acts know him by his nom de guerre, Abu Nidal.

Abu Nidal, the son of a wealthy Palestinian businessman whose land was confiscated by Israel in the wake of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, has claimed responsibility or has been held responsible for scores of incidents on three continents and in more than 20 countries since he started operating independently in 1973.

According to Israeli security officials, Abu Nidal's agents perpetrated two of the latest terrorist massacres — the attempted hijacking of a Pan Am plane in Pakistan which left 20 passengers dead, and the cold-blooded murder of 21 Jewish worshipers in Istanbul's main synagogue.

Throughout his career, Abu Nidal has never been too choosy about his targets. He has attacked Jews and non-Jews, Israelis and Arabs. Variously in the employ of the Iraqi, Syrian and Libyan regimes, Abu Nidal has been a hired gun since he broke ranks with PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat and formed his own group, the Fatah Revolutionary Command, or Black June.

Yossi Melman, the diplomatic correspondent of the Israeli daily Davar, has written what is probably the first detailed account of Abu Nidal — *The Master Terrorist (Adama Books, $16.95)*. The book is billed as his "true story," but, as Melman concedes, it is doubtful whether "the whole truth" can ever be revealed about the man and his misdeeds.

Secretive to the point of paranoia, Abu Nidal functions in the shadows, constantly in fear of his life. According to Melman, he never speaks on the phone or radio, fearing he might be traced or even blown to bits by a remote-controlled explosive charge. And he refuses to eat or drink anything served to him by others. Like Arafat, his sworn enemy, he never sleeps in the same room at night.

Most important of all, the 200 or so members of his group maintain a strict code of secrecy. No more than seven people belong to a cell, and once a cell has been designated to carry out an operation, it is completely isolated from the others.

Each member must adopt an alias, and when members communicate they know each other only by their aliases. Abu Nidal himself gets around with the help of six forged passports from Morocco, Iraq, Syria, South Yemen, Libya and Egypt, and needless to say, he travels under different aliases.

The hallmark of the Fatah Revolutionary Command is its "relatively high degree of professionalism and boldness," says Melman. Whether his men are hijacking airplanes or blowing up cars, they usually know how to go about their gruesome tasks.

Sabri al Banna was born in 1937, in Jaffa, in a building that now houses the Israeli army's district military court. (When I lived in Jaffa in the early 1970s, I often passed this building, not knowing who had lived there.)

Melman claims that Banna's family immigrated to Palestine from Egypt in the mid-19th century. Banna's father, Khalil, accumulated wealth by dealing in property, particularly orchards. By all accounts, he had good relations with prominent personalities in the Jewish community. The Bannas, thrown into abject poverty after the War of Independence, moved to the West Bank town of Nablus in 1948. Sabri al Banna's brother, Muhammed Khalil, a rich fruit and vegetable merchant, still lives there, buying fruit, especially apples, from Jewish farmers in the Galilee.

Sabri al Banna

Sabri al Banna studied engineering at Cairo University, but returned to the West Bank without a degree. He tried teaching, but left it because it did not pay well enough. He went to Saudi Arabia and found work as an electrician's assistant.

Politics was the passion of his life. He joined the illegal Baath Party, whose goals are Arab unity and socialism, and then he joined Fatah, now the largest faction in the PLO. Melman says he was fired from his job, and then imprisoned, tortured and expelled by the Saudi government, after his increased political involvements drew the attention of the authorities. Melman doesn't explain the reasons for that, but one can imagine that his growing affinity for radical politics alienated his conservative Saudi hosts.

Several months before the Six Day War, he returned to Nablus with his wife and small son, supporting his family by taking odd jobs. Melman claims that the subsequent Israeli occupation "roused him to action." After 1967, he became a "professional" Palestinian, a member of Fatah's staff.

Thanks to traits like blind obedience and intitiative, he worked his way up in the hierarchy. Arafat sent him to the Sudan to establish an office in Khartoum, but the Sudanese government expelled him after he exceeded his mandate. Appointed Fatah's representative in Baghdad, Banna arrived in Iraq in the summer of 1970. For his show of exemplary loyalty to Arafat, Banna was rewarded with trips to North Korea and China, where he studied guerrilla warfare and Marxist-Maoist doctrine.

In reality, Arafat had spawned a Frankenstein. Banna became disenchanted with Arafat's readiness to consider a political solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, and his disenchantment meshed perfectly with the rejectionist ideology of the Iraqi government.

Like the Iraqis, Banna believed in the "total destruction of the Zionist entity" and in the formation of a "secular, democratic" state in Palestine. But Zionism was not his only nemesis. Banna was also determined to bring down conservative Arab states like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon.

Believing as he does in "armed struggle," Banna has nothing but dripping contempt for Arafat's policies. In an interview with the London Times, one of Banna's spokesman said: "Yasser Arafat and his men betrayed the Palestinian revolution. They are prepared to negotiate with the Zionists and therefore their fate will be the same as the traitor (Anwar) Sadat."

Under the influence of his Baathist beliefs, Banna contends that the Arab world must be freed of "reactionary" regimes and that Palestine must be integrated into Syrian territory. Obviously, he rejects the idea of an *independent* Palestinian state, a notion he shares, ironically, with certain Israeli rejectionists.

Banna, unlike the majority of Palestinian leaders, still preaches internationalizing the Palestinian question. And without a doubt, the Iraqi, Syrian and Libyan intelligence services have enabled him to extend his operations to the farthest reaches of the universe.

The Fatah Revolutionary Council has hit nations like Israel, Italy, Turkey, Britain, France, Austria, Greece, Malta, Poland, India, Holland, Kuwait, Syria, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

It is not surprising that Syria has been one of its targets. When Banna worked for Iraq, he conspired against its Baathist rival, Syria. His men tried, but failed, to kill the ex-Syrian foreign minister, and they attempted to take over Syrian embassies in Pakistan and Rome. They also murdered several PLO representatives in Europe who were aligned with Arafat.

In the late 1970s, when the Iraqis decided to improve their relations with the West, they asked Banna to leave Baghdad. He went to Syria and the Syrians welcomed him because they were in need of efficient assassins who could liquidate opponents like "wayward" Palestinians who refused to obey Damascus' instructions and Jordanian officials.

Once Syria and Jordan forged something of a rapprochement in 1985, Banna's days in Damascus were numbered. Not surprisingly, he offered his services to Libya. Muammar Gadhafi gladly accepted. Gadhafi's faith in Banna was not misplaced. On Dec. 27 of that year, his killers attacked El Al counters in Rome and Vienna, murdering 17 innocent people.

Abu Nidal is still a relatively young man. He will celebrate his 50th birthday in 1987. How many more victims will he kill before he is eliminated himself?

Yasser Arafat

Opinion

Jesus' Jewishness still Christian problem—rabbi

Here is an excerpt from *The Christian Problem: A Jewish View*, by Dr. STUART E. ROSENBERG, rabbi of Beth Torah Congregation in Toronto. The rabbi has authored several other books and has taught at the University of Toronto, the Toronto School of Theology and San Diego State University.

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Christians have had a continuing problem with "rejectionist" Jews, a people which persisted in surviving — without Jesus. They have generally refused to reconcile themselves to the autonomy and selfhood of the Jewish faith and people. Indeed, they created for themselves — and for the world as well — a uniquely Christian problem.

At the heart of the Christian problem is Jesus — not Jesus the Jew, but Jesus as the Christ. True, Jews "rejected" Jesus as the Christ — as they had rejected all other would-be Jewish messiahs. But let it be clear: in making him Christ, Christians had virtually **rejected Jesus as a Jew.**

If Jesus were somehow to arise, walk this earth, and wish to commune with "his father in heaven," where might he choose to pray? I have often asked this of Christian audiences. The question is not flippant, nor is it intended as a irreverent, clever ploy.

Because the question is indeed very serious, although clearly hypothetical, history's answers are profoundly disturbing and unsettling. The straightward, unavoidable evidence — if the historical Jesus is at all to be believed — throws clear light on the fundamental, still unresolved ambivalence which Christians continue to demonstrate about their own inherited Jewish identity. They must deal with his life, not only with his death and resurrection. As the disciples of Jesus on earth — the man, the teacher, and the Jewish herald of their salvation — they must somehow acknowledge and appreciate his own Jewish ways. Yet they are to be found in their churches, which they call his, while he, as even their own sacred texts attest, never left his synagogue.

It is precisely here that the unacknowledged but persistent Christian problem begins. It is rooted in the Jewishness of the Lord whom Christians claim as their own: the crucified Jesus. But what of the living Jesus? Ironically, had Jesus been born, or had he lived, as a Christian, there would be no "Christian problem." Had he emerged from the stock of any of the other ancient but now defunct civilizations of his day (say the Roman or the Greek) to found a new religion completely unconnected with Judaism, Christians would never have had to cope or even deal with the issue of Jewish survival. They would have been indifferent to Jews, and undisturbed by their continuing presence in history — if they even bothered to take notice at all.

Christianity, however, has remained to this day neither neutral towards the Jews nor relaxed in their historical presence. Politically, the Jews had been vanquished — long years before, by Rome itself. But spiritually and psychologically the Jews became, and still remain, the quintessential Christian problem: rival claimants who would not go away. They were an enduring puzzlement: if the mighty Roman Empire could convert to become the Holy Roman Empire, why should not the synagogue also join the Church? Because Jews held firmly to their own ground, their universal survival became an affront to a powerful and expanding church. Christian leaders never forgave or forgot that.

To many Christians, in their deepest psyches, Jesus the Jew has become Jesus the Christian. And Jews are guilty of offending his — and now, their — Christianity. As a consequence, what many Christians widely trumpeted and labeled as the "Jewish problem" is really their own. The Christian problem starts with Jesus, the living Jew, before his death and resurrection and continues with the whole Jewish people who survived him and who still see him as a Jew, in human, not Christian terms.

Yet, even if Christians should be willing to review the life of Jesus from an internal Jewish standpoint, they must also confront still another problem of their own making. This question arises from their view of the meaning of his death. If the death of Jesus resulted in the universal and glorious benefit they believe it to have done — the atonement for all human sin — then why do they continue to impose unforgiving blame, whether on the Romans, or more often, on the Jewish people as a whole, for causing the benefit?

"If," as one writer put it, "as the Gospels, especially John, suppose, Jesus knew and predicted long in advance that the particular events would happen, and the events were neither a surprise nor a defeat, then were not the events merely a working out of some antecedently arrived-at divine schedule? If it was part of a divine schedule, then why blame mere men for acting out the preordained human role?"

Stuart E. Rosenberg

Christians cannot begin the dialogue with Jews without first disposing of their own longstanding, self-imposed Christian problem: they must purge themselves of any identification with that part of their Christian heritage which vilified Jews and Judaism in the name of the crucified Jesus.

When they can come to understand both of these issues — first, about his life, then about his death — they may also come to see how their ancestors (and perhaps even their own priests or preachers) have been involved in a centuries-old psychological game — sometimes also known as "theology" — to help Christians relieve themselves of their own problems by loading them onto the backs of Jews.

They may also begin to realize that historical Christianity had for so long succeeded in evading its own problem by concentrating principally upon the death, and not the life, of Jesus. For example, for three centuries after the founding of their religion, Christians did not celebrate Christmas, which related to the birth and life of Jesus. Their principal feast was Easter, which concentrated only on the death and resurrection.

Moreover, one need not be a Freudian to recognize that intense preoccupation with the death of Jesus not only has led many Christians to regard Jews as "Christ-killers," but may also have covered over a deeper, unconscious desire on the part of some who became profoundly hostile to Jews. **Did they wish to obliterate the Jews as "Christ-killers" because they really longed to obliterate them as the "Christ-givers?"** Indeed, I have the feeling that by obsessively focusing upon the so-called Jewish "rejection" of Jesus, they are demonstrating, perhaps unconsciously, their own revolt against the full acceptance of **his stringent Jewish demands.** For although Christianity is a belief in a man-god who died as a Christian deity, in virtually all respects, Jesus himself had lived as a self-regarding and faithful Jew.

A new view is surely in order concerning this so-called Jewish rejectionism. **Who, in fact, rejected whom?** I maintain that it was the earliest Christians, together with Paul, who had rejected historical Israel, and **not the Jews who "rejected" Jesus, as such.** I contend further that a new look at the lessons taught by the discoveries of Qumran — the Dead Sea community and its Scrolls — will shed bright and novel light on this question.

Some of the commotion created by the discovery of the sect's scrolls was centred in the mistaken conclusion some scholars had jumped to: they were sure that, at long last, direct evidence had been unearthed of Jesus, and they loudly trumpeted their belief that Qumran's Teacher of Righteousness was none other than Jesus himself! When all the clamoring had died down, and especially after dating tests of the documents were made, it became clear that Qumran's Teacher of Righteousness had lived **almost a century before the time of Jesus.**

What actually emerges from a careful study of this Dead Sea sect is a clear refutation of the claims of Christinaity concerning Israel's "rejection" of Jesus — not to speak of the recurrent physical and mortal terror which have been inflicted on generations of Jews in the name of those claims.

It is wrong to use loaded words like "rejection" when describing the relationship of a far-out messianic sect like the Qumranites to the central Jewish community led by the Pharisees. Neither totally rejected the other or read them out of Jewish life. Theirs were simply different religious approaches to the overwhelming Jewish problem of their time: how to survive the Roman oppressor. The Sadducees had remained static, drawing their religious program and inspiration principally from the Temple, which they controlled. The Essence groups, of which the Qumranites, we now know, were an integral part, turned their minds away from this world, and sought to override and transcend the Roman problem, by relying on messianic intervention: peace and wellbeing for Israel would be achieved with the imminent "end of days."

The Pharisees, or scribes, comprised the only party with an essentially pragmatic, this-world view, with a program that was compatible with the looming possibility of a broad and protracted dispersion of the Jews. For the Pharisees, total and other-worldly absorption into the mystical realms of mesianic speculation seemed to be an evasion of religious responsibility. Man needs God, they believed; but God, those Pharisees were bold to proclaim, needed man, as co-creator of the present and future human community.

So now we have it, the "hard" archeological evidence of the Qumran literature, and are thus able to open up the long-shut book of Essene history and religious thought. As a result, we also have a better fix on the question of the Jewish "rejection" of Jesus and his Jewish followers, the sect of the "Nazarenes," who may be regarded as proto-Christians. And we also have the so-called "missing link" between Judaism and Christianity, inscribed in the scrolls of that Essene-like sect, the Qumranites.

Upon analysis, however, the long-sought missing link turns out to be much more than a link; it is also our earliest source of radical Christian departure. Which is to say that several generations **before the birth of Jesus, the very Jewish movement which had served as his model and spiritual paradigm was already far out of the mainstream of Pharisaic Jewish life.**

It goes without saying that had there been no Pharisees, Judaism would probably have died, with the death of the Temple and the loss of Jerusalem. Pharisaic, or more properly, rabbinic Judaism, saved biblical religion for all men, and for all time. It saved the Jews from despair in exile, and from spiritual dehydration in their wide and vast dispersions. If it were not for rabbinic Judaism, the biblical books, prophets, teachings, laws — indeed, the monotheistic inspiration itself — would probably have become as strange, remote, and unknown to us as all the forgotten religions of the ancient world.

The scroll-discovery is also important as a reminder that the Jews of Qumran, like their fellow Essenes, had opted for a Judaism of another style, one that was not destined to survive within the Jewish world, but which, in effect, did become the cornerstone of the future Christian church. To the majority of Jews in their day, the Essenes and their various offshoots seemed to have strayed very far from the biblically correct Judaism they were taught by their Pharisee teachers. It turns out, then, that the earliest forerunners of Jesus and the Nazarenes were themselves fringe sectarian Jews whose philosophy and practice of religion was already regarded as unacceptable by the principal Jewish community, long before Jesus had even arrived on the scene.

With this new knowledge now at hand, it strikes me as wilful and prejudiced for many Christians to continue to maintain even today, as they have steadfastly done for almost 20 centuries, that the Jews rejected Jesus. It was not Jesus, as such, they refused to follow, but also virtually thousands of their fellow Jews, members of one or another Essene-type sect whose apocalyptic fixation seemed to them excessive, non-rational, and thus unattractive.

I continue to ask myself whether Christians — unwittingly, and even unconsciously — have perhaps often understood (as did Paul, on many introspective, mystical occasions) that it was they who were the renegades — from Judaism. It has been said that the renegade is one whose "attack on the values of his previous group does not cease with his departure, but continues long after the rupture has been completed." It strikes me that this psychological side of "the Christian problem" — its "protesting too much" against Judaism of long centuries after the initial rupture took place — has not been sufficiently probed or discussed.

Perhaps, once this side of the "Christian problem" is fully addressed by Christians themselves, it will become clearer to them, as it is to many Jews, who really were — and still are — the true rejectionists.

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Black humor illuminates Soviet Jews' plight

Soviet Jews, finding themselves unble to live as Jews or to leave the country in substantial numbers, use humor in an attempt to cope with the great pressure they face.

In doing so, they have drawn on two long-standing traditions: the anecdote, vignettes and stories of Jews in Russia since time immemorial, and the poignant black humor that is so much a feature of life there.

The jokes recounted here are from the same collection (CJN Oct. 2) that David Harris, deputy director of the International Relations Department of the American Jewish Committee, and Israel Rabinovich, professor of Russian language at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Languages, have compiled in On a Lighter Note? Soviet Jewish Humor:

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The chairman of the Soviet committee on religious affairs was getting angrier and angrier. It seemed that none of the applicants for the vacant position of rabbi was well-suited for the job. After going through a big pile of applications and rejecting every one, he turned to his deputy and shouted:

"Why must you keep giving me the applications of Jews?"

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Three prison inmates began talking.

"What are you here for?" asked one inmate of another.

"They put me in for beating up some old Jew named Khaimovich."

"And why are you here?," asked the second of the first.

"For having defended some old Jew named Khaimovich in a fight."

"And what were you arrested for?" the third inmate was asked.

"For being Khaimovich."

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"Soviet intellectual development is much more advanced than Israeli," said the director of Odessa OVIR (passport office) to his wife. "For example, in Israel the debate about who is a Jew has been going on for years but in our office we can decide the question in less than 5 minutes."

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Rabinovich was summoned to OVIR after submitting an application to emigrate.

"Rabinovich, how could you possibly want to go to a country like Israel? Do you realize that the sun is so strong in the summer that you won't be able to stand it? And in the winter it does nothing but rain. The climate is just awful."

The lecture continued in the same manner for several more minutes during which Rabinovich did nothing but lean from one side to the other while muttering "yes," "no," "yes," "no," . . .

"Excuse me, Rabinovich, but can you please explain to me why you are acting in this strange manner?"

"Sure," came the answer. "I was only trying to decide on the basis of what you were saying whether or not it would be worthwhile taking my umbrella with me."

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Store director Rozenblit was arrested and charged with embezzlement of state funds. After being found guilty of the charge, he was permitted to send a telegram to his wife in the Crimea.

Afraid to further incur the wrath of the authorities, he cautiously composed the following text: Soviet Justice Has Once Again Triumphed. The next day, he received a reply from his wife: File An Appeal Immediately.

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The Kharkov District Party Committee wanted to deter Jews from gathering at the synagogue. On Rosh Hashanah, a notice was hung on the main door of the synagogue: 'Closed due to holiday."

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Solomon Isaakovich Abramovich was called to the factory office.

"Abramovich, we must fire you."

"But why? I'm not a Jew. I'm a Russian. Here, have a look at my passport."

"That's just the point. If already we employ a Solomon Isaakovich Abramovich, at least he should be a Jew!"

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To show to the world the true egalitarian spirit of the Soviet Union, an orchestra of representatives of various nationalities was organized. Each member was then introduced to the foreign press corps in Moscow by the conductor, Ivanov.

"This is Fyodorov the Russian," he began. "And this is Murzhenko the Ukrainian, Saroyan the Armenian, and Chikvili the Gerogian. And here is Rabinovich the violinist."

Opinion

Nearly brought down government

Arab MK calls for mutual PLO-Israel recognition

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Abd al Wahab Darawashe is a mild-mannered, polite, cultivated man who nearly brought down the Israeli government two years ago.

The crisis he precipitated occurred when he accepted a PLO invitation to address the 17th Palestine National Council meeting in Amman.

A first-term Arab Knesset member of the Labor Party, Darawashe triggered the uproar when the Israeli government suddenly discovered that he had flown to Cyprus and intended to get on a PLO-chartered plane that would take him to Jordan.

Darawashe, a former inspector of Arab elementary and high schools in Israel, planned to deliver a speech before the PNC, the PLO's parliament-in-exile. He would say that the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians could be properly addressed only if both sides recognized each other. To that end, he would call on the PLO to recognize Israel, to renounce terrorism and to revoke the clauses in its 1968 covenant advocating Israel's destruction.

Darawashe, a Moslem, believed, perhaps naively, that one man can make a difference. "The great majority of Israelis and Arabs want peace," he said in an an interview here the other morning. "My speech was meant to go over the heads of Israeli and Arab leaders."

Despite his best intentions, he never got the opportunity to travel to Jordan. The Labor Party, not having been consulted about his peace mission, urged him to return immediately. Under Israeli law, a citizen is prohibited from travelling to countries at war with Israel, or from meeting with representatives of the PLO.

The Likud bloc, Labor's partner in the national unity government, indignantly called for Darawashe's ejection from the Knesset. On Israel Radio, a Likud official warned that if Prime Minister Shimon Peres was behind Darawashe's mission, the government would fall.

As it happens, Darawashe was a wild card. Peres had not been informed of his plans: "I did not want to get him into trouble," he said.

The crisis blew over when Darawashe, realizing that there would be an intolerable delay in getting a Jordanian entry visa, cancelled his scheduled visit to Amman.

To this day, he is sorry he was unable to address the PNC. He claims he would have broken ranks with his party and gone to Amman had Jordan issued a visa immediately.

Jordan, he explained, had given the PLO permission to invite foreign guests to its conclave. But the Jordanians never imagined one of them would be an Israeli parliamentarian, and they were therefore caught completely off guard by the invitation. Darawashe understands the embarrassment of the Jordanian authorities. "I don't blame them for their attitude," he said.

Abd al Wahab Darawashe... peace proponent

Darawashe, not the PLO, was behind the idea. The actual invitation came through "close friends" on the West Bank who, he said, respect his views. Darawashe, who defines himself as a "Palestinian by nationality and an Israeli by citizenship," says most Palestinians support the PLO. "It's a reality. I see reality as it is: The PLO is the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. No Palestinian will negotiate with Israel in place of the PLO."

Israel, he said, has blocked the emergence of a local West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinian leadership by not permitting democratic elections in the occupied territories. The PLO, he suggested, has filled the gap.

Darawashe, who holds a Haifa University BA in education and general history, is convinced the PLO is prepared to recognize Israel's existence, renounce violence and accept UN Security Council resolution 242, which calls for a "just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Asked why Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, hasn't move in that direction, Darawashe replied: "The PLO demands mutual recognition — a just demand."

Darawashe, whose trip to Canada was sponsored by Canadian Friends of Peace Now, thinks that the Palestinians would be satisfied with a West Bank-Gaza Strip state co-existing with Israel. "The rejectionists in the Palestinian movement are in a minority. I don't expect someone like Abu Nidal to accept a peaceful settlement. He will try to kill any moderate Palestinian, but he has no support among Palestinians."

The problem between Israel and the Palestinians, as he understands it, is lack of trust. "Palestinians think Israel wants annexation and won't recognize their rights. Israelis don't believe the Arabs will accept them."

In his view, each side exaggerates its fears, and the reason is simple ignorance. "We don't know each other well enough. There is a need for deep dialogue."

Darawashe is not enchanted with the recently passed Knesset bill that makes it illegal for Israelis to be in touch with members of what are defined as terrorist organizations. "It prevents dialogue. I call it the terror law. It is a bad law, an impracticable law."

Nevertheless, he is optimistic about the prospects for peace. Both sides, he said, are gradually moving toward mutual recognition. "The Palestinians are more prepared to recognize Israel, and Peres has already recognized the Palestinians as a people. Golda Meir said there is no such thing as the Palestinian people. And Israel's readiness to go to an international peace conference is a great step forward."

Asked if there can be a viable peace settlement within his lifetime, the 43-year old legislator said: "Sure. It's the only way. Force cannot solve the problem." He remains sanguine in spite of his reservations concerning Likud's desire for an equitable accord.

Personally, Darawashe favors a solution that would result in the creation of a confederation encompassing Israel, Jordan and Palestine. But he is not averse to a Palestinian homeland or a Palestinian state.

According to Darawashe, the Arab-Israeli dispute is intrinsically related to the struggle of Israeli Arabs for full equality: As long as the Palestinian issue lies festering, the approximately 700,000 Arabs of Israel cannot expect completely equal treatment with their fellow Jewish citizens.

"There is discrimination and the gap between our communities is very broad," he said. "We have made much progress, but there are real gaps in fields like employment, education, housing, land and agriculture."

Arab university graduates find it hard, if not impossible, to obtain white-collar work in banks, companies and government institutions, and this situation creates "bitterness and hopeless feelings."

Darawashe contends that many Jewish employers are reluctant to hire Arabs partially because they have not done their national service. Israeli Arabs are not required to serve in the Israel Defence Forces, so the problem is residual. Darawashe is clearly torn by it. He knows that more job opportunities would be available to Arabs if they served in the IDF, but he also knows that the compulsory recruitment of Arabs could cause serious security and personal problems for everyone concerned.

Turning to a related topic, he said he cannot understand why there is not a single Arab minister or deputy minister in the cabinet, or, for that matter, why an Arab has not been appointed director-general of a government department.

The Arab education system is far from perfect, he pointed out. There are not enough classrooms, the texts in use are old and unsuitable, the teachers are not always fully qualified, and insufficient time is devoted to technological subjects as well as Arab history, literature, language and Koran instruction. Darawashe thinks the separate Arab education department should be abolished and merged with its Jewish counterpart. This, he said, would lead to improvements and facilitate greater Arab-Jewish understanding.

Darawashe, citing the overcrowded condition of Arab towns and villages, said that young Arab couples should have as much access to government housing loans as Jewish couples. And Arab local councils should be treated on a par with Jewish local councils insofar as aid is concerned, stated Darawashe, who lives in the lower Galilee village of Iksall. Arab settlements will continue to be dirtier and more overcrowded than Jewish settlements unless there are significant changes, he said.

Since 1948, Israel has appropriated and/or confiscated "more than half" of all Arab land, and Darawashe feels the government should compensate Arabs for it. Furthermore, Arab farmers lack water. "For Jews, there is water. For Arabs, there is no water."

Such views, though grounded in fact, have not endeared Darawashe to Jewish extremists like Rabbi Meir Kahane of the openly racist Kach Party. Indeed, Kahane has called for his expulsion from Israel. But Darawashe doesn't fret. "I'm more concerned about racism in general than about Kahane himself. The real danger to Israel is extremism and fundamentalism, which comes from Israel's occupation of Arab territory."

Darawashe's involvement in politics began 18 years ago, when Arab teachers in the Nazareth area selected him to represent them in the Histadrut labor federation.

"Six years ago, I was chosen by my friends as head of a committee on (Labor) party affairs. Then they chose me to be their representative in the Knesset. The party did not select me directly. They let the Arab representatives in the party choose their candidate. I was elected by my people. I wasn't appointed by an official or anyone in the party. I am the only Arab representative in the Labor Party who was chosen in this Knesset." (He is also the Labor Party's only Arab MK.)

All told, the Labor Party won 26% of the Arab vote in the 1984 election, compared to the Communists' 34%. (The Progressive List for Peace got nearly 18%; Ezer Weizman's Yahad faction picked up 6%, while Likud and the National Religious Party shared the rest.)

Darawashe is confident that his party can make deeper electoral inroads into the Arab community if it allocates at least three safe seats to Arabs, gets them further involved in state affairs and works harder at the local level to woo Arab voters. Peres, the party leader, has promised to consider these matters seriously, and his positive attitude is a source of encouragement to Darawashe.

Says he: "I hope the party will have a chance to correct these mistakes during the coming years."

Getting giddy about Gotham

How I crave a snort of Manhattan

By
ELAINE KAHN

The five years I spent living in New York City while my husband was in rabbinical school were, notwithstanding the birth of our children there, not my most enjoyable years so far. I will never forget the extraordinary sense of freedom I experienced after our first Shabbat back in Toronto when I walked four blocks along Eglinton to buy a pack of cigarettes. I was 29 years old and it was the first time in five years I had been out after dark by myself.

Many Canadians demonstrate a sort of sick pride in saying "it's getting as bad here as New York" — a laughable fantasy at best, and thank God for that. While resident in the Big Apple, I majored in paranoia, but I remain convinced that no one should become a resident of NYC without being fearless — or rich enough to be able to take the chauffeur-driven limousine directly from the party at the Pierre to the fully guarded Park Ave. penthouse.

It is with some astonishment, then, that I find myself periodically in desperate need of a giant fix of New York . . . even when one of the first sights to greet me from my taxi window on my last trip to Gotham, in January, was an attractive woman in a fur coat being sick against a Harlem building.

This desperation for a fix is very different from my gnawing ache at being unable to afford six months a year in Jerusalem, and withdrawal symptoms take much longer to set in than after contact with Israel. But when, as this month, I blast "New York, New York" on the stereo daily and read The New Yorker cover to cover the moment it arrives, I know how badly I crave a snort of Manhattan.

I need to see Broadway even if, as usually happens, I am too busy visiting friends to get inside a theatre. I have to walk past the discount bookstores and punish myself by not going in. I miss Greenwich Village terribly. As for my favorite deli in Washington Heights — but, no, this is a family newspaper.

Two friends have agreed to help me through this crisis by getting married in New York soon, a few weeks apart, so I can play at being a jetsetter. Being a jetsetter used to one of my life dreams, a dream which included having a private screening room for movies, owning my own magazine and intimidating the salespersons at Creeds. Real life, I have discovered however, has a lot of jet lag.

What to wear to these New York weddings kept me up nights, until one of the brides-to-be told me scornfully in passing that you can always spot people from upstate New York because they're frumpy and wear chiffon. It was then I remembered to plead creative temperament, which allows me to substitute eclectic for fashionable.

What time to get to the weddings of no concern — it is impossible to be late for a New York City wedding, because Jewish Standard Time was invented specifically for them. If you arrive at the time stated on the invitation, you find yourself helping the caterer grease the hot hors d'oeuvres.

I expect to have fun at both weddings — in fact, I demand it. That is the whole point of going to New York as a tourist — once you realize you are, you only have to worry temporarily about the muggers, beggars, sidewalk garbage, pollution, rudeness, bag ladies, potholes and cockroaches so you have a ball!

Opinion

Clang, clang, clang

I'm aided by heirs of our "first" tramway men

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Who, my dear friends, would have dreamed that our two columns of recent vintage, in which I sang songs of praise to those first Toronto Jews who strove to enter "basic industries" and who achieved it by becoming street car conductors in Toronto, would arouse so much interest?

J. B. Salsberg

Well, they did. And not only locally but, one might say, continentally.

The prideful responses of the children and grandchildren of those pioneers amazed me and also moved me profoundly.

Now, let me share with you some of the harvest of new and elaborate material that the proud heirs of the "first" Jewish tramway employees brought to my attention.

As to being "first": I presented that accolade to the late Sam Starr. Now there is a challenger to that honorific place. It comes from the heirs of the late Peter Kozinets and was presented to me by his proud daughter, Mrs. Edyth Meilach, with the very rare picture as proof of her claim.

According to the printed notes on the back of that picture "Peter Kozinets of Lansdowne (barns) was born in Crimea, Russia, and spent his early life on his parents' farm there." (Yes there were Jewish farmers in the Crimea then.) Mr. Kozinets came to Canada in 1905 and joined the Street Railway in 1916 and has operated from the Lansdowne barns from 1931 until he retired.

So who was it:

Sam Starr?

Peter Kozinets?

Well so who was first? Was it Sam Starr, as I stated, or was it Peter Kozinets? Historians and not columnists will make that decision. For the present I am inclined to offer both those pioneers the place of honor and to grant both the laurels they deserve. As for their heirs who so pridefully guard the merited memory of their "proletarianized" parents, they too deserve a ribbon of merit.

Then there was the very admired street car conductor of Beverley St., Toronto, whose name I never knew but whose presence, with uniform cap on his head, I admired for many years. Well, my dear readers, his name can now be emblazoned on this corner's most prominent place. **His blessed name was Sam Shukin.** And who provided this much appreciated information? His proud granddaughter, Claire Simon, did. What a credit that is to the late Mr. Shukin, one of the early pioneers who succeeded in his effort to become a "real" Jewish working man!

Last, but not at all least, is the case of the prominent Labor-Zionist activist, Yollick, who fought for the opportunity to enter "basic industry," who succeeded in becoming a street car conductor in Toronto.

To my chagrin I, who recall him in fondness to this day, failed to remember Yollik's first name.

Well, that omission was quickly corrected by Yollick's son-in-law, Dr. M. Rachlin, a native Torontonian who is now a prominent MD in St. Louis, Mo. **The first name of my esteemed, older friend, was Sam, Sam Yollick,** the proud "transportation worker" who served in that position until his retirement.

Further about Sam Yollick: A son of his, Bernard, a famous surgeon in Dallas, will, so I was assured, "dig out" a manuscript that his father left behind, in which is described in detail an important and successful personal struggle against anti-semitism on the street railway system.

Peter Kozinets posed for this picture many years ago. Peter was the motorman on the "Palace" car, and Bob Mercer was the conductor.

It seems, according to what I now learned, that an "anti-semitic" street railway inspector attempted to discharge Sam Yollick on the basis of totally fabricated charges.

Yollick was indeed fired. But he fought back. He demanded and won the opportunity to appeal to a tribunal set up to hear his appeal. The tribunal found Yollick innocent of all the charges, he was promptly reinstated and he continued to wear his official cap until his retirement.

All right that concludes the saga of a few Toronto Jews of an earlier generation who strove with all their might to become and to remain workers in basic industries. Glory to their memories.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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PROTESTS WALDHEIM CONNECTION

Your readers may be interested in the following letter of protest I sent to Dr. Richard Railton, president of the Ontario Medical Association:

I am writing in regard to the Ontario Medical Association's Ski Esprit holiday planned for Jan. 30 in St. Anton, Austria.

As a Jew and a member of the OMA, I am distressed that the OMA would choose Austria as the location for its ski holiday.

As you know, the past year's events in Austria surrounding the election of Kurt Waldheim as president, have caused the Jewish community great concern.

Many Jews, including a group of Canadian doctors, have canceled travel plans to Austria, because of the evident anti-semitism in that country.

The Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the Canadian government to refuse Waldheim entry to this country.

Ironically, an hour or so drive from St. Anton is the Mauthausen concentration camp, the "mother camp" for all Austria during the war. I visited this camp over a year ago and observed the documentation of medical experiments conducted by physicians on Jewish inmates in Mauthausen.

I think that time spent by physicians studying a horrid part of their past might serve our profession better than a ski trip to the country in which the atrocities occurred.

Dr. Philip B. Berger
Toronto

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NO LINK TO ALZHEIMER'S

I read with great interest a story in your July 17 issue headlined "Aluminum linked to Alzheimer's."

It is our firm belief that there is no basis for concern that the use of metallic aluminum products poses a threat to human health.

According to officials from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, no direct causitive effect between aluminum and Alzheimer's disease has been shown to date. More to the point, the FDA says aluminum is "generally recognized as safe."

In the words of Dr. Peter Davies, associate professor of pathology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York: "There's no evidence at all that aluminum causes Alzheimer's disease."

Aluminum is all around us; it comprises 8% of the earth's crust. It is present in air, water and foods.

Very little aluminum is ingested daily by most people, and any possible amount contributed by metallic aluminum products such as cookware is minute.

John C. Bard
President
Aluminum Association, Inc.
Washington

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Author Lynne Gordon is pleased to be described as "brimful of the Jewish juices of life."

"BRIMFUL OF JEWISH JUICES"

Your reporter, Frank Rasky, interviewed me recently about my life and new autobiography called *Working without a Net*. He spent over two hours with me, and had a tape machine running throughout the conversation. For that I am extremely grateful.

I am so pleased that the Oct. 2 profile (headed delightfully "Lynne Gordon is brimful of the Jewish juices of life") reflected my story so accurately and was also completely in context.

I have always been cautious about the printed word, where a misplaced question mark can change a strong statement into one that seems indecisive and uninformed.

I had such positive feedback from your very attentive readers! What is so rewarding to me is that both men and women found that the story of my three husbands, one live-in relationship and a dozen careers so optimistic.

My story also covers three completely different cities . . . New York, Austin, Texas and Toronto.

Since my book describes how I finally was able to integrate my personal and professional life, I have been asked to teach a course that takes a look at "Having it all — if you really want it." At the first seminar, I will be donating my time to a seminar on Nov. 19 for the Skills Exchange, now called The Network for Learning.

I am pleased to be called a juicy Jewess, just as I am that the Literary Guild has recently chosen my book for its list.

Lynne Gordon
Toronto

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POLES AIDED 10,000 JEWS

Rabbi Menahem Fogel claims ("Abandonment of Jews," Oct. 9), "only a *handful* of Polish Jews were saved as a result of help by individual Polish citizens."

Why do historian Martin Gilbert and Emanuel Ringelblum (chronicler of the Warsaw ghetto) write that some 10-15,000 Jews were sheltered by Poles in the "Aryan" part of Warsaw?

Why does historian Philip Friedman state that 5,000 Jewish children were hidden in Catholic convents and monasteries throughout Poland?

Why were Poles awarded 1,500 of the 5,500 medals issued by Yad Vashem to "Righteous Gentiles?"

Why has the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw compiled a list of over 600 Poles who were killed by the Nazis for aiding Jews?

And if the people of Holland "acted very differently from those of Poland," why, according to historian Raul Hilberg: did they — a nation of 9 million — manage to shelter only 10,000 of their 140,000 assimilated Jews?

R. Tynder
Director
Polish Alliance Press
Toronto

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PHONE COLLECTOR BROWN

You were kind enough to publish my recent letter regarding the National Yiddish Book Centre giving my name as its Toronto "zamler, meaning collector." However, a most important detail was omitted — my phone number!

To save your readers the trouble of plowing through the many pages of the name "Brown" in the Toronto phone book in order to give their old (and new) Yiddish books to the centre, I can be contacted at (416) 444-7015.

Laurie Brown
Toronto

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SALUTE TO SPEISMAN

On behalf of Toronto Women's ORT, I wish to thank writer Leila Speisman for her wonderfully perceptive article pertaining to our recent panel discussion "Jews by Choice," which took place at our opening general meeting.

We appreciate her fine efforts!

Marilyn Somers
Toronto

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SAUCE FOR A GANDER

Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott is to be applauded for the province's new legislative law which provides for the equality of tangible assets for both a male and female spouse in case of separation, divorce or death.

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

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LADIES, TAKE A BOW

Your Oct. 2 article entitled "Young Israelis get Canadian camp experience" described a wonderful project initiated by Moishe Borek of Montreal.

At the time of her writing of the article, Miriam Chinsky was apparently not aware that the funding to enable the youngsters to attend three camps — Camp B'nai B'rith (Montreal and Ottawa) and Camp Northland-B'nai B'rith (Haliburton) — was provided by B'nai B'rith Women of Canada.

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada is proud to have provided funding to help make this project a reality.

Nancy Cooperberg
Toronto

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SAGA OF RABBI'S SON

I was happy to read David Birkan's Sept. 25 Diary of a People column about Rabbi Yisrael Meir Hacohen Kagan, the 19th-century Lithuanian author of 25 books, including the bestseller *Loving Life*.

I've always wondered about Rabbi Yisrael's son, Rabbi Aaron Kagan, whom my family knew.

My mother helped Rabbi Aaron — financially, of course — write a book about his father. She also bought a Sefer Torah for him, which cost nearly $1,000 so many years ago, and sent him money monthly.

She wanted to make a *shidduch* (match) for him. She invited him to come to visit with us. Well, we waited and waited for that visit, but Rabbi Kagan did not show up.

I phoned to New York to his brother-in-law, who informed me that Rabbi Aaron passed away. We were shocked. He was so young.

My mother had hoped that Rabbi Kagan would marry and have his own synagogue.

The Diary answered some questions about Rabbi Aaron's *yichus*.

Beverley Sadler Blank
Montreal

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DEPLORES ANTI-ZIONISM

I would like to comment on Carl Alpert's Sept. 4 article from Jerusalem headed "Neturei Karta demanding probe of murder in 1924."

He writes that this Orthodox anti-Zionist community in Jerusalem demands the establishment of an international commission to investigate the murder of a former leader of this extremist Orthodox group.

How can anyone read the Torah — Deuteronomy 30 (our history) or Numbers 34 (God's survey plan of the Land of Israel) — and be anti-Zionist?

Alexander Warner
Toronto

World-National

IDF planes hit Palestinian targets

Jerusalem attack worst in more than 2 years

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change for three Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

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Israeli planes hit Palestinian targets after Israeli troops and their families near the Western Wall in Jerusalem were attacked by terrorists.

One person was killed and 69 were wounded — the worst terrorist foray in the city in more than two years.

The fatality, Dov Porat, 48, was buried in Holon. He was one of hundreds of parents and relatives who had just attended the swearing-in of 300 Israel Defence Force recruits of the elite Givati Brigade at the Western Wall, a short distance from the scene of the carnage.

Police and border police detained 18 Arab suspects for questioning and a curfew was clamped on the Old City. The search for the terrorists spread to the West Bank, where the Jordan River bridges were closed to block a possible escape route for the killers. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy ordered an immediate inquiry into the circumstances of the attack.

It occurred at 8:20 p.m. Jerusalem time, as the young IDF soldiers, having just taken their oath and been presented with rifles and Bibles, were strolling with their families to a parking lot at the Dung Gate to board buses and private cars for home.

According to police, three Soviet-made F-1 grenades were hurled at them from ambush by two men who escaped in a car driven by a third. Within moments the place was "a bloody hell," one eyewitness said. Dozens of wounded lay on the pavement crying for help.

Within hours, the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for the assault in an announcement from its office in Cairo. But two other terrorist gangs also boasted of responsibility for attacking armed IDF soldiers. They are the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Naif Hawatmeh, and a hitherto unknown group calling itself the Islamic Jihad Legion.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was on the scene, said he doubted the attackers were aiming specifically at the soldiers. "PLO terrorists try to hit us anywhere, at any time and any target will do," he said. Gen. Rehavam Zeevi, a former advisor on terrorism to the Prime Minister, said in a radio interview that if Rabin's assessment is based on information, he had nothing to add. But if the defence minister was merely speculating, "one should take into account the worst possibility, that is that the terrorists deliberately selected a military target. If so, they showed a greater degree of chutzpah and courage" than in the past, Zeevi said.

The inquiry ordered by the chief of staff will try to determine whether the swearing-in ceremony for the recruits, conducted under brilliant spotlights at the Western Wall, had been adequately protected and if proper security measures were taken, inasmuch as many civilians were at the ceremonies.

Zeevi called for a more intensive war on terrorists. He said it should be continuous, employing whatever measures are necessary and should not ebb and flow with the incidence of terrorist acts.

He urged capital punishment for convicted terrorists.

The grenade attack also had repercussions on Israel's relations with Egypt which have warmed considerably of late since Egypt returned its ambassador to Tel Aviv. The fact that the PLO announcement claiming responsibility emanated from Cairo triggered angry reactions among Israelis.

The Egyptian envoy, Mohammad Bassiouny, was summoned to the foreign ministry and handed a formal letter of protest to his government. It said the Cairo announcement was contrary to "the new spirit" in relations between the two countries. One Knesset member, Haim Druckman of the National Religious Party, urged Israel to demand that the Egyptians close down the PLO office in their capital.

The tragedy was personalized in the experience of one recruit, Omer Porat, 18, whose father was fatally wounded. His mother, Naomi, 43 and his sister, Liat, 21, were also among the casualties.

"He (his father) was losing a lot of blood from his chest," Omer told reporters at his hospital bed. "He was breathing heavily." After bandaging his father's wound he accompanied him in an ambulance to the hospital. There, doctors tried to save his life, but in vain. "He died in my arms," Omer said.

The previous worst terrorist attack in Jerusalem occurred in April 1984, when a Palestinian gunned down 48 persons in a downtown street, killing one and wounding the rest.

Wiesel dedicates award

Nobel 'belongs to survivors'

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Parkinson's disease, cancer and Alzheimer's disease among other ailments. One future use of Cohen's discovery might be the quicker repair of skin wounds or cornea wounds after injury or surgery, according to the Nobel Committee.

Elie Wiesel's name and his accomplishments are much more familiar to both the Jewish and non-Jewish world communities. He is an acclaimed spokesman for Holocaust survivors who has championed civil rights and human rights for peoples of the world, including the Cambodian boat people, the Meskito Indians of Nicaragua and the Blacks of South Africa.

He has published some 30 novels, many of them biographical accounts of his own dramatic survival of the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps as a teenage boy.

Wiesel is currently a professor of humanities at Boston University, a lecturer at the 92nd St. YMHA in New York and chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Council.

Before Wiesel made the painful decision to write his testimonies of the Holocaust, he worked as a correspondent for the Israeli daily, Yediot Achronot, in Paris and New York in the 1950s.

In a press conference in New York, Wiesel, who said he shuns publicity and "the limelight," stated that he wanted to take the occasion to voice his views on important issues because "today I will be heard."

Wiesel said he was "profoundly grateful" to the chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee. "Today, thanks to the very great honor I have received, I feel these words will have a stronger future," he said. The prize, Wiesel said, would allow him to speak louder and reach more people.

Wiesel said he shares his honor with all the survivors of the Holocaust. "It belongs to all the survivors who have tried to do something with their pain, with their suffering, with their lives."

The survivors are an example of "how not to succumb to despair," Wiesel said. He said he has tried to use his suffering to prevent further suffering. "I have developed a romance with many causes . . . Soviet Jewry is surely one of the most exalting of all."

Wiesel, one of the founders of American activism on behalf of Soviet Jewry in the 1960s said the Soviet Jews are "an example of courage and nobility."

He made a personal plea to Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev to release Yosef Begun, Ida Nudel, Andrei Sakharov and several other jailed dissidents.

Wiesel has received a visa and plans to visit the Soviet Union for five days this week. He is going officially to meet with Soviet representatives for an upcoming international conference on non-Jewish victims of the Nazis.

The prize, Wiesel said, has special significance coming the day after Yom Kippur. "I believe that in Jewish history, there is no coincidence." The prize, coming the day after Yom Kippur, "means that some of my friends and I have prayed well," Wiesel said.

Wiesel, 58, said he did not think the prize would change his life; he will continue his teaching, his publishing and his activism for human rights.

"I decided to devote my life to tell the story because I felt that having survived, I owe something to the dead. They left me behind . . . That was their obsession to be remembered. Anyone who does not remember betrays them again. That is why I devoted my life to tell the story," Wiesel said.

On behalf of the Executive,
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a hearty Mazel tov to
ELIE WIESEL
on his being awarded the
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Elie, you are truly the conscience of mankind. We feel, as you do, that having survived, we owe something to the dead. For those who do not remember betray them again.

Leona Finkler, National President
Dr. Morton Lechter, President, Montreal Region
Norman Stern, President, Toronto Region

Immigration rules change won't help Soviet Jews

OTTAWA —

The announcement last week that Ottawa will speed up the immigration process for prospective immigrants to Canada who have relatives here will have almost no effect on Soviet Jews, sources say.

Minister of State for Immigration Gerry Weiner announced that people wanting to immigrate to Canada and who already have close family living and working here, will have to be told in six to 12 weeks whether they have been accepted into the country.

The new deadlines will mean close family members outside Canada will be reunited with their relatives more quickly and processing time will be reduced for prospective immigrants who have distant relatives here or no relatives at all.

Under the rules, Canadian officials abroad must decide a case within six weeks of receiving an application from spouses or dependent children of people who are already either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

A deadline of 12 weeks would apply for applications from "other" family members, which would include children over 21, parents, siblings and other relations.

However, Canadian Jewish Congress says the rules apply to Soviet Jews only if the applicant has an exit visa to begin with, which changes nothing as far as Soviet emigration policy goes.

So far this year, just over 500 exit visas have been granted to Soviet Jews.

"These (new) rules are ours, not theirs," said Sam Resnick of CJC's Soviet Jewry Committee.

Resnick estimated that there are only "about a dozen" cases of Soviet Jews having applied to be reunited with Canadian relatives.

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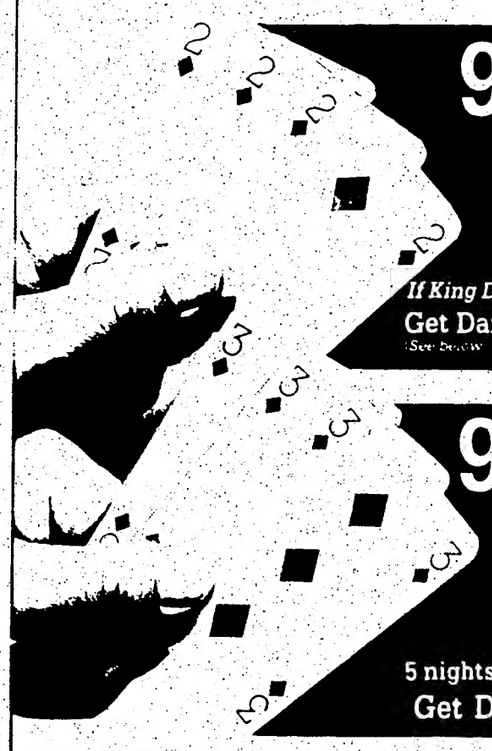

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Keegstra-like character

Injunction on show lifted

CALGARY (CP) — A television program loosely based on the Jim Keegstra case could be shown in Calgary within a month now that a court injunction has been set aside, according to the city's CBC-TV station manager.

Wayne Skene made the statement recently after the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned an injunction handed down last year which prevented the television drama *Oakmount High* from being shown in Alberta. The show, broadcast throughout the rest of Canada, depicts a fictional history teacher with anti-semitic views. As The CJN went to press there was no indication whether the CBC Edmonton station would broadcast the show.

Keegstra, a former teacher in Eckville, Alta., was convicted in July 1985 for wilfully promoting hatred against Jews.

Keegstra obtained the injunction against the program by arguing the show could interfere with his right to a fair trial if his appeal is upheld and a new trial ordered. Announcement of a date for the appeal is expected shortly.

Keegstra's lawyer, Doug Christie, is expected to argue before the Court of Appeal that his client would not be able to get a fair second trial (if one is ordered) because of the publicity about his teachings.

Christie also said his client will sue for defamation or initiate contempt of court charges if the CBC broadcasts *Oakmount High* in Alberta. He accused the network of trying to smear Keegstra and of prejudicing a new trial.

Yiddish Israeli hit to play in Toronto

TORONTO — Israeli comedian Yakov (Yankele) Bodo is bringing his latest hit Lebedick un Freilach to Canada for performances in Montreal and Toronto early next month presented by the Toronto Jewish Theatre.

Appearing with Bodo in the Jewish entertainment evening of satire and songs is Terry Gabor, Israel's "queen of operettas."

Yakov Bodo

Lebedick un Freilach, accompanied by the Sasha Starr Orchestra will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2, at the West Hill High School auditorium, 5851 Somerled Ave. Tickets are on sale at the Kotel Bookstore, 6414 Victoria; 739-4142.

The production arrives in Toronto for three performances the following weekend at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov. 9, along with a matinee at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Northview Heights Auditorium (Bathurst and Finch).

Tickets are available at the Toronto Jewish Theatre office, 3768 Bathurst St., Suite 306; 630-8281 or Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst, 781-9356 and 781-0071.

Poppy campaign to aid veterans

OTTAWA — Helping needy veterans and their dependents is the goal of the annual poppy campaign conducted by the Royal Canadian Legion prior to Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

All proceeds are placed in trust accounts and after expenses (including the cost of poppies and wreaths) are paid, the funds are used to assist Canadian ex-service personnel and their dependents, ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries and of Allied countries resident in Canada.

Day-care centres, meals-on-wheels, transportation and related services for ex-service personnel, their dependents and the aged are among the uses to which the money raised is put.

Although the poppy campaign is national in scope, each Legion branch is responsible for running its own campaign and collecting and disbursing funds in its area.

In 1985, $3,635,506.44 was spent for the benefit of ex-service personnel and their dependents.

Shul merger leaves rabbi redundant

By PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY — A planned merger between two Calgary synagogues has left the rabbi of one out in the cold.

Avraham Witty, erstwhile rabbi of the Shaarey Tzedec Congregation, is taking legal action against the shul after he was put on permanent leave of absence last month. Witty is seeking a comprehensive settlement with the synagogue's lay board of directors. The rabbi is seeking a cash settlement, a statement clarifying the reasons for the removal and a letter of recommendation to assist in obtaining other positions, the Calgary Herald reports.

The dispute arose following merger negotiations between the Orthodox Shaarey Tzedec Synagogue and the Conservative Beth Israel Synagogue. Witty objects to the directions to be taken by the proposed new synagogue — directions that would see the synagogue designated as Conservative and become affiliated with the United Synagogues of America.

Witty claims he was hired as an Orthodox rabbi, and with the planned merger, which may not take effect for two or three years, he "no longer has a place in the synagogue," according to a source in Calgary.

The rabbi of the Beth Israel is the most likely candidate to head the joint congregation, the Calgary source, who preferred to remain anonymous, told The CJN.

Permanent leave of absence

In placing Witty on a permanent leave of absence, the Shaarey Tzedec agreed to pay Witty the remainder of his salary and benefits under the terms of his contract, which runs until August 1988. "We thought we were doing it in the proper way," synagogue co-president Sam Fishman told the Herald. "The leave of absence is giving him the chance to look for further employment."

But Witty, who was unavailable for comment to The CJN, told the Herald the situation has cast a shadow on his reputation and has left him a "prisoner" in Calgary because his pay and benefits would be reduced or cut off if he found other employment.

As for Witty's request for a public apology, Fishman said none is being considered because the congregation never suggested Witty was let go due to incompetence.

Witty, an American citizen, said he emigrated from New York 1½ years ago on the understanding the congregation wanted an Orthodox rabbi. At the time, there were rumors of a merger, but he was told they were little more than talk.

After his arrival, however, the merger talks accelerated culminating in a vote in late September to join the congregations.

Under the merger the congregation would adapt changes unacceptable to Witty, he told the Herald. There would be modifications in the siddur, more English readings of the Torah, active involvement by women in the choir, and the requirement that he, as cantor, face the congregation instead of the Ark.

Further details of the legal dispute between Witty and the shul were unavailable as The CJN went to press, as Witty, his lawyer and the lawyer for the synagogue could not be reached.

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Thursday, Oct. 23

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to join Chavurat Hamasoret, the new Jewish studies program.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., **Harold Malitzky**, associate director of the Board of Jewish Education, will be offering his regular Torah study class at 7.30 p.m., followed at 8.45 p.m. by a session with **Rabbi Erwin Schild** of Adath Israel, who will discuss God: Male and/or Female?

For more information about Chavurat Hamasoret, call **Jonathan Shiff** at 789-2193 in the afternoons.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD

Sally Zerker, associate professor of economic history, York University, will be addressing the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Her topic will be Medievalism in the Midst of Modernity: Factionalism and Fanaticism in Israel Today.

Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

BELONGING IS BEAUTIFUL

Na'amat Pioneer Women welcomes all prospective members to a festive Friendship Evening on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at 12 Alexandra Wood.

A warm and entertaining evening is planned. Prospective members from new groups forming in the Richmond Hill-Oak Ridges and the Forest Hill-Cedarvale areas will also be welcomed.

For further information and/or directions, call 636-5425 days or 884-8559 evenings.

AN EVENING WITH IONA

An Evening With Iona Willowdale Dinner, hosted by the Willowdale Liberal Association and **Jim Peterson**, is set for Tuesday, Oct. 28, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, 432 Sheppard Ave. E. The guest speaker will be **Iona Campagnola**, president, Liberal Party of Canada.

Reception is at 6.30 p.m. with dinner at 7.30. Tickets are $25 per person. For tickets, call **Mildred Wilson** at 633-0482 or **Verna Edwards** at 225-5353 or **Mary Allen** at 733-2554.

ISRAEL FROM PERES TO SHAMIR

Israel from Peres to Shamir— What Will it Mean for Israel? is what CJN columnist **J.B. Salsberg** will be discussing at the Tuesday, Oct. 28, meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association.

The time is 8 p.m. at the organization's centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107. The public is invited and admission is free.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, Oct. 28, is a busy day at North York Public Libraries.

At Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., award-winning Canadian author **Marie-Claire Blais** will be speaking in the library theatre from 8-10 p.m. She will speak in French about herself and her work. There will be a simultaneous English translation. Admission is $2. To order tickets, call 495-3438.

At Downsview Library, 2793 Keele St., The Changing Me will offer teens (12-18) a chance to watch some films on growing up, talk with a public health nurse and ask her questions, all in an informal atmosphere. This is a 2-session program running Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 from 7-8.30 p.m. Admission is free but please pre-register.

At Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., the Nahanni Slide Show will explore one of the world's most unique natural wonderlands with traveler **Ian More**, who will share photographic slides of his recent trip to this national park in the Northwest Territories. The time is 7.30-9.30 p.m. Admission is free.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 28, and every Tuesday thereafter, a women's study group will be held at 10 a.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, downstairs Apter Hall, 3600 Bathurst St. It will deal with subjects such as Medicine and Halacha and Kashruth and Chemistry.

Most sessions will be conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**. On occasion there will be guest speakers. This is open to the community. For information, call the synagogue office at 787-1631.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

HADASSAH BAZAAR

It's that time of year again! The really big one, the Hadassah Bazaar, opens its doors at 9 a.m. at the Automotive Building at the CNE on Wednesday, Oct. 29, for a full day of bargain shopping through to 10 p.m.

And while you are there, be sure to catch the fashion auction from leading couturieres at 12.30 and 6.30 p.m., the all-new shoe salon, hobby and collectible shows, men's boutiques along with all the other goodies. And don't forget, the food is wonderful!

The door prize is a 1987 Mercury Sable donated by Ford of Canada. Admission is $3 adults, $2 seniors and children 5-12 years of age, accompanied by an adult.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Civil Liberties Charter Centre of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association is holding a public forum on Pornography, Prostitution and the Law on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education, 6th floor auditorium, 155 College St.

Panelists include **Louise Arbour**, criminal law professor, Osgoode Hall, York University; **Louise Dulude**, National Action Committee on Status of Women, and **Suzanne Scorsone**, Inter-Church Committee on Pornography. Moderator will be **David Schatzky**, host of Radio Noon, CBC 740.

For information, call 363-0321.

ABOUT ALIYA

Tehilla, union for religious aliya, is holding a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8.30 p.m. at 22 Troyer Ct., Thornhill (Bathurst-Steeles area). Guest speakers, **Rabbi and Mrs. Avraham Feder**, will talk about Aliya — A Cultural Perspective.

Rabbi Feder served as rabbi and cantor of Beth Tikvah Synagogue from 1967-81. He was also chairman of the aliya committee of Canadian Zionist Federation 1978-81. He and his family made aliya in 1981.

For further information, call 665-7772.

AUTHOR HOWARD ENGEL SPEAKS

Author **Howard Engel**, whose Benny Cooperman character has become known as the Canadian super sleuth, will be talking about Benny and how he came to be on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 8-10 p.m. at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview mall Dr.

Admissison is $2. To order tickets, call 495-3438.

ABOUT SCHIZOPHRENICS

Metro Toronto Chapter of Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Dunvegan hall, 230 St. Clair Ave. W.

A panel of experts will discuss the prevention of, and effects of suicide on families.

And What Else Is New...

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed is an egalitarian Conservative congregation encouraging participation of children and all adults.

You are invited to join the congregation for Simchat Torah services on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26, at 9.30 a.m. at the Zionist Centre, 3rd floor, 788 Marlee Ave. Also for Shemeni Atzeret, Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9.30 a.m. at the Zionist Centre.

For more information, contact **Shawn** at 782-1840.

THE ENLIGHTENMENT PERIOD

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is offering an 8-week course on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11 entitled The Enlightenment Period of Jewish History. This course will explore Jewish struggle in its efforts to confront the modern world. It will be led by **Marsha Razin**.

Dates are Oct. 22 and 29, Nov. 12 and 26, Dec. 3 and 10, and Jan. 7 and 14.

Charge is $25 Sisterhood members, $37 non-members. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Dodi Weill** at 223-6824.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival is presenting three days of exciting cinema in Yiddish, English, French and Hebrew Nov. 1-3 at the OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 1 — I Love You Rosa and To Be a Woman Soldier at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2 — Grine Felder and Zlateh the Goat at 2 p.m.; The Free Voice of Labor and Jews of Winnipeg at 4.30 p.m. with discussion by **Al Hershkovitz**, vice-president, Ontario Federation of Labor, then High Street and Orchestra at 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 3 — The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob at 8 p.m.

Price for each viewing is $5, students and seniors $4. Tickets available at the door.

The festival is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Media Centre, 4600 Bathurst St. The phone number is 635-2883, ext. 154.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society is also a project of the Toronto Jewish Media Centre as well as the festival. Both aim to make available, and to promote knowledge about, films of Jewish content. Whenever possible, guests lecturers and experts complement the screenings.

MAH JONG LEAGUE

Mah jong players, ages 48-60, are needed to form a league in the Bayview - York Mills - Steeles area. If you are interested, call 447-0394 or 223- 2737.

HAR ZION HAPPENINGS

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., educator and lecturer **Julian Craft** will be speaking on How to Survive the Adolescent Years of Your Teenagers.

Lecture is sponsored by Har Zion Sisterhood. Admission is $3. RSVP by calling **Dorothy Miller** at 881-0676 or **Ann Gosselin** at 889-7105.

The following congregants assisted **Rabbi Michael Stroh, Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb** and **Cantor Martin Steinhouse** in providing Shabbat services during the summer months — **Marty Gelfand, Jessie Caryll, David Caryll, Arieh Cohen, Hank Bordan, Paul Grosman, Archie Rottenberg, Herb Cooper, Judy Ross, Joe Michaelson** and **Ray Havelock**.

Terry Marks coordinated the summer lay ser-

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HOSPITAL LOTTERY

Songstress Liberty Silver assisted The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation by pulling the winning tickets for the three grand prizes in the Foundation's Hospital With a Heart lottery. Looking on are Harvey Solursh (left), Foundation president, and Murray Levinter, lottery chairman. Gary Shorser was the winner of a 1986 Jaguar Sovereign, Archie Blank of Winnipeg won $10,000 and Torontonian Jack Swadron won the $5,000 third prize. The lottery has been going on since last October with prizes of $1,000 distributed every week. Tickets for the 1987 version are now being sold. For information, call 781-3584. [Graphic Artists photo]

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS HONORED

North York's (from left) Sara Wenman, Carol Martin, Michael Charles, Lauren Little and Jamie Sherman were among some 30 volunteers honored for their participation in a student-Metro Toronto Police program for seniors this past summer.

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vices. **Vivienne Rotenberg** is worship committee chairman.

AN INTRODUCTION TO OPERA

Don't miss the opportunity to see and hear the young talented singers of the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble! The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is presenting an Introduction to Opera on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

This outstanding troupe of performers will present an hour-long concert of your favorite opera selections. Following the concert, the performers will join in refreshments and conversation.

The cost for the evening is $15 for one person, $25 for two. For ticket information, call Council House at 633-5100.

HOUSING FOR WATERLOO STUDENTS

Five students who own their own home in Waterloo, located south of Erb St. and west of University, have three rooms available for the January 1987 term. The kitchen is kosher.

Interested students may call either **Mark** at 783-9507 or **Meir** at 783-6603 in Toronto or the house in Waterloo at (519) 886-4567.

FAMILY CONCERTS

Enjoy an afternoon of music, humor and participation with recording artists **Jim and Rosalie**, their favorite Superband and Boo the Dancing Bear on Sunday, Nov. 2, at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E.

Showtimes are 1 and 3 p.m. Cost is $5 per person. For tickets and information, call the Minkler box office at 491-8877.

HALLOWE'EN BALL

The Ontario Crafts Council is once again hosting its annual Hallowe'en Ball, a major event in the fund raising efforts of this non-profit organization, at Casa Loma on Oct. 24 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are $125 per person and include all costs — refreshments and trick-or-treat favors — with a portion of the ticket being tax deductible. Music will be provided by the **Stan Hiltz** band.

For information or ticket orders, contact Ontario Crafts Council at 977-3551.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

In celebration of the International Year of Peace, the Toronto Shalom Disarmament Group and Markham Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament are co-sponsoring well-known recording artist **Doug Cameron** in concert on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for this event, endorsed by the City of Toronto International Year of Peace committee, are available through all BASS outlets.

In addition, the Toronto Shalom Disarmament Group will be participating in the Walk for Peace on Oct. 25. Meet at noon at northeast corner of College and University; then join the rally at south side of Queen's Park for the walk down to Nathan Phillips Square where there will be a music festival co-sponsored by the City of Toronto.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CINEMA SERIES

Canadian Technion Society is presenting Young People's Cinema series at York Theatre, 101 Eglinton Ave. E., starting off on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. with The Wizard of Oz.

Admission is $5 adults, $2.50 children. There will be door prizes and loot bags. For information, call 789-4545.

THE BOBOVER REBBI

Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, the Bobover rebbi, will be coming to Toronto on an official visit to inaugurate the Bobover institutions in town — a boys school, a kolel and a synagogue. He is arriving Thursday, Nov. 13, and will be here until Nov. 19.

Among the main events will be the dedication of the Sefer Torah on Saturday, Nov. 15, followed by a Maleveh Malka-reception in the rabbi's honor. An entourage of 250-350 people from the U.S. will be accompanying him. More than 1,000 people will be attending the reception, which will take place at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. (at Neptune).

On Friday, Nov. 14, there will be a Tisch (after davening, the rabbi conducts the Sabbath meal with everyone present, along with singing and dancing), also at Associated.

The rabbi will stay at the home of **Moshe Kuhnreich**, 124 Barse St.

For further information, contact **Rabbi Yehoshua Czermak**, at 661-3173 or 633-7294.

TRAVELERS REQUIRED

The group services department of Baycrest Hospital is looking for travelers to share their experiences with patients in the Armchair Travel Club. This program enables patients to travel the world via slides, videos, photographs, music and food from different countries.

Anyone interested in sharing their travel experiences with Baycrest Hospital patients or lending their slides or photos, please contact **Di Brolley** at 789-5131, ext. 2733.

THEATRE OF DREAMS

The Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario is presenting a workshop entitled Theatre of Dreams on Friday, Nov. 7, in the Windsor East Room of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W.

Psychologist **Leo Gold** of New York, an international authority on dreamwork, will demonstrate four different methodologies for the understanding and therapeutic use of dreams — dreamodrama, guided imagery, traditional dream interpretation and dream therapy.

Registration fee is $50 pre-registered members, $60 pre-registered non-members, $65 at the door. For information call 665-1400.

THE THIRD FLOOR MOVES

After 10 years of service to the community, operating from the Third Floor of Eglinton Public School, the Central Eglinton Community Centre has temporarily relocated at 555 Mt. Pleasant Rd. above the Crest Theatre. The phone number, 487-4096, remains the same.

Call for information about programming. Also, check to see if you have a current membership. The cost of a new family membership or renewal is $10.

EXTEND-A-FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

Extend-a-Family is searching for families to act as hosts for a handicapped child on a regular basis. The commitment could be daytime, evenings or on weekends.

If you could share the experience of a family activity or invite visits to your home, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

for seniors

Coffee House 60 for seniors provides a place to meet new friends and develop interesting skills. The group meets on Tuesdays from 1-4 at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call **Nancy Somer** at 924-6211.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 1.30 p.m. to hear a talk entitled Stalking the Silent Thief by **Linda Sparling** of the Osteoporosis Society of Canada.

At the **Wagman Centre** — There will be readings by the Wagman Centre Creative Writing Group with instructor **Maria Gould** on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Lounge of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Come and enjoy the excellent poetry and prose composed by this talented group.... The Tuesday evening program on Oct. 28 from 7.30-8.30 features singer **Sara Hertzberg** accompanied by pianist **Ada Lewis**.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Program for men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program is set for Monday, Oct. 27, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 opening musicale luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 12.30 p.m. It features singer **Gregg Bond**, star of Cats, and pianist **Ruth Morawetz**. Charge is $5.50 and reservations are a must, so reserve early by calling 781-3511.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, **Workmen's Circle Social Club** meets at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment by well-known singer **Eva Fishman** and pianist **Faygel Gartner**. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

North York Senior Walkers invite all seniors 55 plus to walk with them in parks and plazas. Join the group for Sunday walks on Oct. 26 at Downsview Dells, Nov. 2 at James Gardens and Nov. 9 at Glen Shields Park. Also, join and receive a membership card allowing you to walk year round in North York shopping malls before regular hours. As a New Horizons program, there is no charge for any of the activities. For more information and directions, call 241-2932 or 635-5837.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. in the Seniors Lounge of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., **Bob Pritchard** from Super X Drugs will speak on Vitamins. There is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Also at the JCC, drama classes with **Minnabelle Hanneford** begin Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. For more information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

The Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club meets daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Members en-

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ATTENDEDCONVENTION

B'nai B'rith National Hillel Student Secretariat chairman Diane Wise led a delegation of Hillel students to the recent Ontario Progressive Conservative convention held in Hamilton. This marked the first time students from Hillel received an invitation from a political party to attend such a meeting. From left are Mark Cohen, Hillel, University of Toronto; Denis Timbrell, Conservative MPP; Norrin Ripsman, Hillel, U of T, and Diane Wise.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

More than 200 people attended the recent fall general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre in the Saul A. and Isabel Silverman Garden Court of Baycrest Hospital, Ben and Hilda Katz Building. Discussing the program before the meeting are (from left) Dr. Cyril Gryfe, medical director, Baycrest Centre, who spoke on Use of Drugs: How They Can Help and How They Can Hurt; Sheilah Silverberg, WA president; Judith Hooper, chairman of raffle to be held at the WA's Chanukah luncheon Dec. 10, and Phyllis Flatt, WA recording secretary.

NCJW AWARD

At a reception to promote the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada 1986 National Leadership Award to be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, are (from left) Reva Gerstein, honorary chairman; Helen Marr, honoree; Roger Davidson, tribute committee chairman, and Sheila Freeman, national president.

Milk 'n Honey

The Dairy Restaurant

We will be closed for Succoth from Friday, October 17th and will re-open for dinner Monday, October 27th, 5 p.m.

Chag Sameach

Organizations and People

Appeal for archival material

TORONTO — The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries is appealing to the Jewish community for material to be included in an exhibition of old Jewish communities of the Middle East.

The exhibition, to be held during WOJAC's 3rd international conference in Washington on March 9-11, will describe the achievements and suffering of the Jewish life in Arab countries in the last century.

WOJAC hopes to improve the image of Jews from Arab countries in Israel and throughout the world, said an exhibition spokesman.

The public is asked to provide photographs, slides, documents or film footage that will be suitable for display. All material will be returned after the exhibition.

Contact the Jews in Arab Lands Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region for further information, at (416) 635-2883.

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What's New

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joy cards and chess and light lunches are available.... The Cultural Circle meets Tuesday mornings at 10 for interesting lectures and discussions. On Oct. 28 **Israel Kopyto** will speak on The Jewish Contribution to European Culture.

Weekly features at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** include art classes with **Aileen Sax**, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.; fitness with **Marilyn Tkatch**, Wednesdays 10-11 a.m.; ballroom and line dancing with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin**, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30 p.m.; rummycube with **Joe and Ida Salsberg**, Thursdays 1-3 p.m. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is located in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard. For information, call 636-7856.

The Esther Braitman Memorial Concert of Jewish music at the **Baycrest Centre Jewish Home for the Aged** auditorium, 3560 Bathurst St., takes place Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7.30 p.m. It features violinist **Eugene Kash**, pianist **Rodica Eugen**, singer **Jennie Eisenstein** and composer-pianist **Igor Kuchinsky**.

The Law and You, a lecture series in cooperation with the Canadian Bar Association, will run on Thursdays, Nov. 6-27, from 7.30-9 p.m. at the **Wagman Centre**, Rooms A and B, 55 Ameer Ave. Topics include — Nov. 6, Selling Homes and Buying Condominiums; Nov. 13, What To Do In Case of a Car Accident; Nov. 20, Professional Malpractice; Nov. 27, Issues Surrounding Wills and Powers of Attorney. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2273.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Atkinson College-Bernard Betel Centre lectures, presented through the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI), start off on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. with Women in the Economy by **Prof. Letty Anderson** of the department of humanities, York University. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

An 8-session Computers for Seniors course begins Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. Material fee is $5.

A memory course focusing on effective and practical techniques for more memory efficiency, will run for four sessions on Fridays from Nov. 7-28, 10 a.m to noon.

Speaking Confidently, a 2-session course on how to speak up and speak out, runs Mondays, Nov. 17 and 24, 1-3 p.m.

These three courses are offered in cooperation with the North York Board of Education, Continuing Education. There is no fee for members or seniors. Non-members under 65 are charged $2 each session. Pre-registration is important.

LLI is also presenting a lecture by educator **Esther Muhlstock** on the topic Israel and the West Bank on Thursday, Oct. 30, 1.30-2.30 p.m. Charge for non-members is $1.50.

singles

B'nai B'rith singles lodge, **Atideynu** is sponsoring a charity bowlathon on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2-5 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. Proceeds will go to BB Mother and Child Health Care Clinic in Israel. Admission is $7. Awards will be given out. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Allen** at 244-7858.

Total Living Mature Singles general meeting takes place Sunday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). An exciting program is planned featuring **Ken Fennell** and company, professional ballroom dancers. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members.

Club Moriah is sponsoring a da[illegible] Sunday, Oct. 26. Meet at Lawrenc[illegible] (Bathurst and Lawrence) in front of LCBO at 10.30 a.m. For more events information, call the JCC Valley Singles Hot Line at 889-5101 or **Ray** at 638-6005 (please leave message).

You'll wish the night could go on forever at this singles party presented by **Club Toronto** for ages 25 and over! Dance the night away in Chi-Chi's Lounge, 1881 Steeles Ave. W. (at Dufferin) on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 7.30 p.m. Admission is $4 and there will be a door prize.

The Great Hallowe'en Dance Party is slated for Oct. 31 at 8.30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel ballroom, 185 Yorkland Blvd. (Sheppard and Don Valley Pkwy.), complete with the live music of the Edge of Night Band, cash bar, door and costume prizes (costumes optional). Dance is run by **City Singles** (Jewish singles 20s and 30s). Cover is $5 at the door.

Metro Toronto Singles is holding a Singles Hallowe'en Party on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (2 blocks south of St. Clair off Yonge). Cover is $6. There will be a cash prize for best costume (costumes optional). For information, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

About People

BNEI AKIVA SHALIACH

Bnei Akiva welcomes its new shaliach, **Shlomo Stempler**, his wife **Chana**, and their two children to Toronto.

Shlomo Stempler

Shlomo is a graduate of the hesder program at Yeshivat Hakotel which combines army service with Talmudic study. He earned a bachelors degree in education and economics and a Masters in education from Bar-Ilan University.

He was instrumental in founding the Machen Meir program at Bar Ilan. This program brings secular students together for an experience in a religious Jewish environment.

HEADS DENTAL TECHNICIANS

Dan Huber was recently elected to a 2-year term as chairman of Ontario's governing board of dental technicians.

The co-owner of Modent Dental Laboratories Ltd., he is a member of B'nai B'rith's Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge and is a former vice-chairman of District 22's League for Human Rights.

Of the many policy issues expected to be resolved during his term, Huber expects the governing board's most challenging task will be making contributions to the provincial governemnt's Health Legislation Review Board.

HANNAH SANDBERG EXHIBITION

An exhibition of new works of **Hannah Sandberg** opens at North York Art Gallery, 7 Edithvale Dr. (Yonge-Finch area) Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Many of the pieces, on canvas and paper, are abstract interpretations from the Old Testament. They will be on view until Nov. 10. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Friday.

COMPREHENSIVE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

A newcomer to Toronto, via Romania, Israel, Curacao and New York, **Vera Stern** has brought a new and different approach to the local music education scene. It is comprehensive music education for children, a unique instruction program involving piano in small group settings. The objectives of the program are musical creativity and literacy; pupils are taught sight reading, transposition, ear training and improvisation.

Stern, who obtained a bachelor of music degree at Tel Aviv University and a masters degree at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, has performed (as a harpist) with the Israel Philharmonic, on TV in Curacao and Israel, at Carnegie Hall, off Broadway, and taught in Curacao, New York, New Jersey and Tel Aviv.

In Toronto since May, she is interested in setting up groups for piano instruction and also individual harp lessons. She can be reached at 764-0657.

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Yet, even then, these devout people gave what they could in charity. Maybe it was a few dollars to a widowed neighbour. Maybe it was hot soup for an ailing child. Maybe it was only a comforting word. Or a sympathetic ear. But the children learned from the example of their parents that you shared what you had with those in need.

As the community grew and prospered, these people, and their children in turn, took charity beyond the circle of family, friends and neighbours to the needy everywhere. They, who had known heartbreaking poverty in their own lives, worked to banish poverty from the lives of others. They who had little or no education, fought to provide the best education possible for the children who followed them.

The hours were long, the material rewards were basic necessities for most of them. They were a generation that paved the way for most of us to live with dignity and be proud of who we are and our heritage.

Each in their own way provided the foundation for what we are and enjoy not only today but for what our children and grandchildren can look forward to in the future.

Of all the gifts they have given us, however, the most important is one of powerful example. They taught us that our worth is not measured in what we have, but in what we can give. And we, in turn, can teach our children that each of us — each man, woman or child who truly cares about the welfare of others — is helping to create a better world.

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Organizations and People

The fight against insect invasion

Video fingers the villains of kosher vegetables

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Hero of the latest self-defence movie is a group of Lakewood Yeshiva rabbis and Cornell and UCLA scientists. The villain is an infestation of thrips, aphids and mites undermining the kashrut of popular kitchen vegetables.

The 1¼-hour video *Kosher Vegetables* provides a wealth of practical and theoretical information to combat the insect invasion. Against these immune bugs, the usual chemical means are of no avail.

To be kosher, vegetables must be, among other things, completely free of all visible insects. A routine washing will resolve the matter in the case of carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers. Asparagus, lettuce, cabbage, onions and other leafy or complexly structured vegetables require extraordinary measures.

"You need knowledge of what to look for, good lighting, and experience," says Rabbi Pinchos Bodner on camera.

He is one of the three filmmakers from the American Institute of Jewish Education who take viewers to the scientists' research facilities in New York state and California and to growers, packers and freezers to reveal the extent of the insects' threat.

The film, available through Toronto's Vaad HaRabbonim, explores the requirements for effective inspections at home. "If no one is available from whom to learn, it is possible to train yourself," says Bodner.

Thrips, aphids and mites are between 1 and 5 millimetres in length. They and even their newborn are possible to spot by a person of average eyesight. Their presence renders the vegetables halachically unkosher.

A thrip, the film shows, is about the length and shape of the numeral one in the serial number of a U.S. dollar bill. A fully grown aphid, looking like a miniature spider with too many legs, is easily the size of a wider numeral. A newborn thrip, at ¼ mm., is the size of a period.

"For hard-surfaced vegetables like celery (stalks)," says Bodner, "the best method is to thoroughly brush the surface with a vegetable brush under running water."

Bodner recommends that fresh leafy herbs like parsley or celery greens be placed in a gourmet bag, which is tied well, and cooked in the soup. "This method allows the flavor and nutrition to pass through while retaining both the parsley and whatever insects it might have contained," says Bodner, citing halachic authorities.

"For leafy vegetables, there is no easy substitute," he says. Heads of lettuce and cabbage have to be taken apart and inspected leaf by leaf. Insects are more easily spotted by holding each leaf up to the sun or a light, than by placing it on an unlit counter or tabletop and using reflected light.

For comfort and efficiency, Bodner recommends a light box or table, which contains a built-in light source. He shows how a vegetable illuminator box can be put together out of a plastic food storage box and a fluorescent fixture. "The lettuce leaf can be placed directly on it and inspected while one is seated in comfort," says Bodner. "The light is consistent and even."

Iceberg is the easiest type of lettuce to prepare for kosher use, he says. Romaine, growing completely open rather than in heads and generally heavily ingested with aphids and many other insects, is the most difficult; escarole and chickory share the problem.

Types of cabbage in order of ease of inspection are regular, savoy and Chinese. "Chinese cabbage leaves are more open than regular head cabbage and therefore prone to greater infestation. Inspections can be dispensed with altogether by using only the carefully washed and brushed stalks, with all leafy matter cut away.

"An ingenious way to enjoy cole slaw and other cabbage dishes without any inspection whatsoever is to use kohlrabi as a cabbage substitute," Bodner suggests. "The kohlrabi may be washed off, shredded and used without inspection."

Another way of preparing cabbage for use in cooked foods without inspection was suggested by a Jerusalem authority, Rabbi Moshe Vaie. The outer few leaves are removed, and the cabbage is placed in the freezer until frozen solid. This kills the insects, making them release their grip. Defrosted, the leaves of the cabbage are each carefully washed. An occasional inspection is recommended to confirm the efficacy of the washing.

• "Brussels sprouts are often highly infested and may not be used without a thorough inspection of each leaf," says Bodner. "A proper inspection of the many leaves of this little head is both tedious and time consuming, making it highly impractical."

• The loose skin and surface area of an onion, which often hosts thrips, should be removed.

• Only the clean white bulb of a scallion may be cut off and used as is.

• Each leaf down to the solid core matter of an artichoke must be inspected.

• Broccoli florets are particularly difficult to free of insects. The only method suggested consists of chopping, washing, cooking and pureeing. "Recently a frozen broccoli product was introduced as kosher," said Bodner. "Consumers found between 11 to 16 aphids per box."

Federal inspectors in the U.S. check only random cartons before vegetables are shipped to market. They examine the top leaves, and look for major leaf damage. "The presence of small insects is assumed, and is not a concern," says Bodner.

Processors of frozen vegetables follow federal guidelines, which allow for the presence of some insects and mites. The U.S. department of agriculture will not intervene in the case, say, of frozen asparagus found to contain less than an average of 40 thrips per 100 gms. A FDA statement reads in part: "It is not possible . . . to grow in open fields, harvest and process crops that are totally free of natural defects."

Inefficiency of application and growing insect tolerance levels make spraying relatively ineffectual in ridding vegetables of inner pests, the university research scientists consulted point out.

"This does not mean we must refrain from eating these vegetables," says Bodner. "We must become familiar with techniques to render them kosher for use.

Several synagogue sisterhoods have already viewed the film. For more information, phone Vaad president Rabbi Moshe Lowy, 783-3869.

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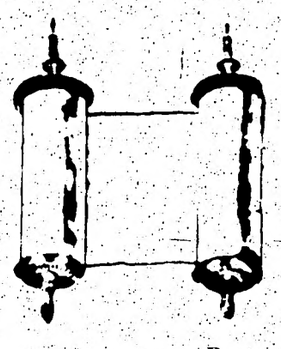

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Simchat Torah/Zot Habracha

Torah doesn't come easy. Being a Jew doesn't come easy.

When the Polnaah Rabbi published his saintly tome, the Toldot Yaakov Yosef, he went to the great Berditchev fair to personally find buyers for his great work.

But no one was interested.

Heart-broken, Reb Yaakov Yossef returned to his inn, where he was visited by Reb Zev of Zhitomer. "Why are you distraught?" consoled Reb Zev. "The Jews are busy buying and selling — they have no time for your book!"

Seeing that the tzaddik was still sad, he continued: "Are you better than the Al-mighty? When G-d wanted to hand down the Ten Commandments, He went from nation to nation — who wants My Torah? Until after rejection after rejection, the Jews finally accepted it. So if the Almighty Himself had trouble finding customers for His book — do you expect better?"

* * *

We finish the Torah this Sunday — we begin it again straight off. There is no end.

Moses stood at death's door and blessed the Jewish people.

He began: "Hashem mee-Seenay bo . . . The Lord came from Sinai. . . ."

Why mention Sinai? Didn't the Jews, even the youngest children, know the holy spot that the Divine Presence revealed itself? Why the geography?

But — taught Reb Shlomo of Radumsk — it teaches . . . How did God appear on Sinai? **Vayered** Hashem al har Sinai . . . God **went down** on Mount Sinai. . . ."

He lowered Himself. He touched earth, reached down to slaves, to flesh and blood, to teach, to touch, to sanctify . . . .

So in every generation, Vayered Hashem! God comes down! However much we have fallen!

Wherever a Jew is, God is there also.

* * *

With love, we can reach the highest heights.

"Vzot habracha . . . And this is the blessing that Moses, the man of God blessed the Children of Israel with before his death. . . ."

Moses, the man of God . . . Ish E-lokim. . . .

Good stuff! God's man. Explains the May Hasheeloach — like a person who is so and so's man, he has the power to make decisions.

So also, Moses received the great power — go where he likes, climb the heavens, bless whomever he would bless.

Where did he get such power, such a title — Ish E-lokim?

From his fasting? No.

From his studying? No.

From his clothing? No.

From where? . . . ish E-lokim et bnai Yisrael . . . He achieved his greatness his madregah, his holiness, through being with bnai Yisrael, gluing himself, attaching himself, joining himself, lowering himself — to the children of Israel!

No Jew in this world is alone. We each have at least one spiritual child whom we must nurse and raise up to Yiddishkeit. Who is my child? Who is yours? Whose neshama depends just on us? Look around. . . .

Shabbat Shalom, Chag Sameach.

Largest expansion ever

Kashruth directory has 60 pages

TORONTO — Keeping the kashruth directory current is a never-ending task, says Cynthia Gasner, the editor of the directory.

The 1987 Kashruth Directory is just off the press and more than 7,000 copies have been distributed throughout Canada, the United States and to many countries around the world.

"This year," says Gasner, "the directory has expanded to 60 pages of listings of products and services, and there has been an increase of 50% in the new companies under our supervision."

This, she notes, is the greatest expansion of the Kashruth Council since it was established more than 40 years ago. The new directory includes products, services, bakeries, butcher shops, restaurants, take-out services, catering establishments, public institutions and information on the dietary laws.

The directory is published by the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress — Ontario Region under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner is the acting chairman of the Vaad. The committee includes rabbis and more than 50 mashgiyachim (kashruth inspectors.)

Irving Feldman, the chairman of the Kashruth Council says that, "the tremendous expansion of companies joining the COR family has brought many more products to the kosher consumer. Along with the additional products, we can be proud of the numerous facilities now under our supervision."

Some of the staff of the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress work on the 1987 Kashruth Directory. Seen (from left) are Esther Schwartz, kosher food consultant, Yona Sperber, Roz Rosen and Esther Scheer. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Of particular interest, he notes, is the increase in the number of foods available for the kosher consumer. "And we can be proud of our restaurants and catering facilities."

Nachman Shemen, the executive director of the Orthodox Division points out that the directory and the other information and education programs created by the Kashruth Council are services provided to the entire community.

"No sooner do we publish our directory and there are new companies added to our growing list of units."

This week, he says, the following companies came under supervision: Tofu Master COR 197 — they make a variety of tofu products; Soy City Foods COR 195 — they produce granola and soybean products such as falafel, tofu and snack foods; and Rite-Way Foods COR 198 — a packaging unit.

"We are delighted with the overwhelming response we received from the publication of our directory," says Shemen. "We receive letters and donations from across Canada and other parts of the world commending us for the many services that we provide for the community."

There is no charge for the directory and arrangements can be made by schools and organizations for bulk quantities of the directory for a nominal charge.

"To carry on with our ambitious programs," says Shemen, "we have the cooperation of my assistant, Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the rabbis, inspectors, lay leaders, a dedicated staff and the generous support of the community."

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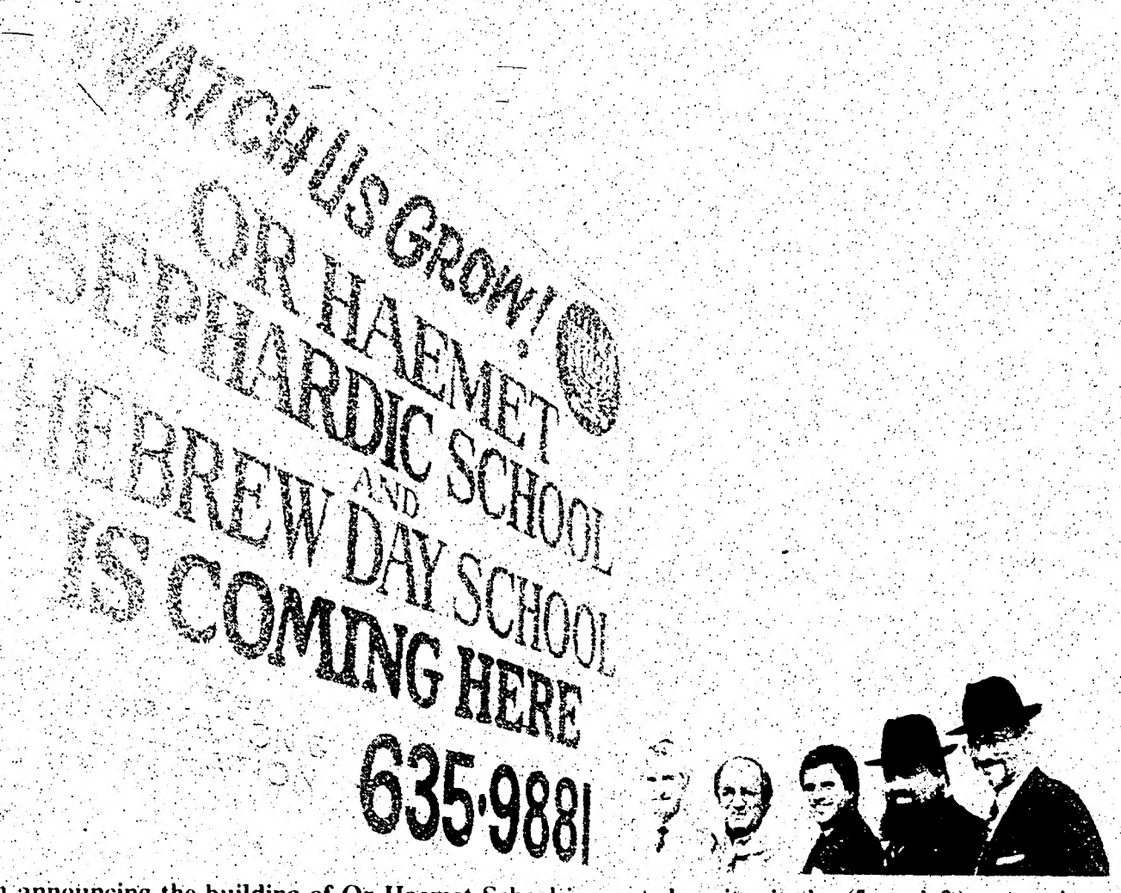
Organizations and People

Sephardic school starts fund raising campaign

Or Haemet ready to build permanent quarters



A sign announcing the building of Or Haemet School is erected on its site by (from left): campaign co-chairmen Messod Bohbot and Maurice Benzacar; Jacques Benquesus, president; Rabbi Amram Assayag, educational consultant; and Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, educational director. [Graphic Artists photo]

TORONTO —

Or Haemet Sephardic School and Hebrew Day School has reached the first step in establishing permanent quarters at the northwest corner of Bathurst and Steeles.

The school which has operated in rented space since it began 10 years ago has started a campaign to have its building ready in the middle of next year, or for the next school year, says campaign chairman, Maurice Benzacar.

The goal of the campaign is to raise about a million dollars, says Benzacar.

About 160 students are enrolled in the elementary school and 60 in the pre-school, says Or Haemet founder, Rabbi Amram Assayag of Congregation Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla.

Rabbi Assayag, who is senior rabbi of the Sephardic community, and acts as educational consultant to the school, describes the building as a large reality that has grown from a small dream.

"It's the first time we will have our own building and that will make a big difference. It will give a certain stability and the area is prime. Many members of the Sephardic community live in that area."

Both Assayag and Benzacar said they hope the new building will attract more students, particularly among unaffiliated Sephardic Jews from Israel. It will also serve as a synagogue for Sephardic Jews in the northern part of Toronto.

"We had a beautiful start to the year with an increased enrolment and are making giant steps forward in strengthening the school by establishing a home for it," says Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, educational director.

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South African student helped

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —

As an expression of its concern for dental education on a non-sectarian basis, the Jewish dental fraternity Alpha Omega granted emergency funds to a Black South African student last year.

The family of Michael Sparks was in serious financial trouble, and the Cape Town dental student needed immediate outside help in order to continue his studies.

The South African Alpha Omega chapter brought Sparks' case to the attention of the fraternity's foundation which contributed $500, foundation board chairman Dr. Morton Rosenbluth told The CJN.

With an additional grant from the local chapter, Sparks was able to stay in school. The case is typical of Alpha Omega's fight against discrimination and support for quality dental education for both Jews and non-Jews, since its formation in 1907, Rosenbluth said.

Alpha Omega is "opposed to any type of discrimination," he told The CJN. "We stand up for the rights of human beings all over the world."

With an annual disbursement of about half a million dollars, "the greatest thrust of the foundation's fund raising is on behalf of the two dental schools in Israel" (Tel-Aviv University and the Hebrew University). "But we also send unsolicited funds to all the dental schools in Canada and the United States," said Rosenbluth.

Other projects have included sending mobile dental clinics to Arab towns, which in addition to providing dental care to people who would usually do without, helped develop Arab-Jewish understanding on a personal basis, the foundation board chairman stated.

At its annual meeting recently, the Toronto chapter of Alpha Omega received strong praise from the international president, Dr. Edward Dweck for the high level of commitment and participation by its almost 750 alumni members.

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Organizations and People

Congregation, area residents await OMB ruling

Russian emigre synagogue is causing a ruckus

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The conversion of a single-family home into a synagogue for Russian Jewish emigres in North York is causing quite a ruckus.

And the whole matter has not only inflamed tensions between the established community and the fledgling Russian Jewish community, but it has also renewed support for a proposed municipal bylaw that would no longer allow religious institutions to be situated on residential streets.

Last January, an Orthodox Russian Jewish congregation purchased an abandonded Hydro substation at the corners of Rockford Rd. and Stonedene Blvd. for $85,000 in order to convert it into a permanent synagogue for Russian Jews [CJN, Sept. 4].

But area residents, many members of the Bathurst Village Ratepayers Association, immediately opposed plans for the shul, fearing it would cause increased congestion, noise and parking problems on the residential streets.

"We've got to stop this kind of thing in this area. We're completely congested by traffic as it is. We can't have any more," Rhoda Moldofsky, president of the ratepayers group and a resident of neaby Torresdale Blvd., told The CJN.

She said several side streets such as Stonedene, Torresdale and Fisherville, are popular shortcuts for drivers bypassing traffic on Bathurst and Steeles.

Moldofsky said there are three other synagogues in the Bathurst-Steeles area Russian Jews can go to. "Where is it written Russians have to have their own synagogue? This is a ridiculous place to put a synagogue. There's no need for it here."

Originally, the group wanted the city to put a freeze on the site until a decision was reached.

But some council members argued that denying the congregation permission when it met the requirements would be discriminatory.

The ratepayers group also charges that the building does not conform with municipal standards because one wall is too close to the lot line.

In the spring, the congregation, led by Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman of the Chabad-Lubavitch Centre in Thornhill, appealed to North York's committee of adjustment to grant the synagogue a variance even though one of the building's walls was 6 feet from the side lot line instead of the 10 feet required for institutional buildings.

The committee granted the variance and the congregation would have moved in right away, except it needed a remodeling permit for some changes to the building's interior.

But the area residents filed an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, which will decide whether the city was justified in granting the synagogue the variance at a meeting on Oct. 30.

If the OMB overturns the city's ruling, the wall will have to be torn down and rebuilt at a cost of about $15,000 and some space, says the congregation's lawyer, Jane Pepino.

Pepino dismissed residents' fears that the synagogue would cause increased congestion. "There are only 35 members. On some days, they can't even get a minyan," she said. "And on High Holidays, they don't drive to shul."

But Moldofsky sees it differently.

"They're 35 now. But those 35 men have wives and children and they don't only come to shul on Saturdays. There'll be weddings, bar mitzvahs and (the shul will develop into) a whole community centre."

But Pepino says the residents are wasting their time in trying to seek redress from the OMB.

"The OMB is there to decide whether that wall should be 10 feet or 6 feet from the line. That's all. The synagogue conforms to zoning."

For his part, Rabbi Zaltzman says the whole affair is "scandalous" and he's frustrated the city won't grant him a building permit to remodel even though everything seems to conform to standards.

In the meantime, a bylaw proposed by Alderman Bev Salmon, limiting the use of residential space for religious institutions is gaining support from residents and the ratepayers' association.

The bylaw would no longer allow places of worship on residential streets. They would have to be on main arterial roads only.

Salmon's proposal was born from ratepayers' failure to stop the Kehillat Shaarei Torah congregation from converting a single-family home into a synagogue at the corners of Bayview and Fifeshire earlier this year. Salmon wants further "intrusions" into neighborhoods stopped.

Earler this month, North York council voted to delay granting final permission for the Russian synagogue until four weeks after the OMB hearing.

However, any changes will come too late to prevent the synagogue from moving into the building, as the bylaw, if passed, cannot be retroactive.

But the proposed bylaw does concern Canadian Jewish Congress.

"A lot of synagogues would not have been built on their current sites if that bylaw existed 20 years ago," said Charles Zaionz, head of CJC Ontario Region.

"I see a lot of potential problems with it."

Controller Norman Gardner said he feels "a great deal of anguish" over the matter.

"I'm sympathetic to the residents but there wouldn't be as much traffic as perceived" if the congregation moved in.

Gardner said the OMB has in the past overturned variances granted by the city.

Shul will mark two anniversaries

VANCOUVER —

Two anniversaries — one happy and one sad — will be marked at Beth Israel Synagogue here with public events early next month.

The inaugural evening for the David Ben-Gurion Centennial year will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Renana Ben-Gurion Leshem, daughter of Israel's first prime minister, will be the guest of honor at the event sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish National Fund and the synagogue.

At 8 p.m, Sunday, Nov. 9, the 48th anniversary of Kristallnacht in which the Nazis launched a systematic attack on the Jews of Germany, will be observed.

Franklin Littell, an American expert in Holocaust studies, will be the guest speaker at the event co-sponsored the CJC and the synagogues in the Vancouver area.

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Organizations and People

Back row, Gordon Wolfe, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service; Yale Drazin, president, JF & CS; (front row), Sharon, Lois, and Bram.

Sharon, Lois and Bram play on behalf of JF & CS

TORONTO —

Adults and children were entertained and educated at a recent concert featuring Sharon, Lois and Bram at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF & CS, welcomed all to the sold-out concert, sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, by providing a bit of history on a foster home.

The Henry G. Goodman Home is supported by the agency and was purchased by donations from JF & CS Friends campaign about 1½ years ago. It provides a home for Jewish youngsters who are developmentally handicapped.

"Together, we have made it possible for these children to not only receive the love and constant care they require but also a home designated to address their very unique physical needs," Wolfe said.

He praised Inga Waldman who, for the past 10 years, has provided a haven for developmentally handicapped Jewish children, saying that if not for her and her family, many of the children would have spent their lives in institutions.

Following a slide show on the foster home and the Waldmans, Sharon, Lois and Bram created a bit of magic with their musical show.

Magazine format

Winnipeg JCC airs show

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council took to the airwaves with its monthly WJCC Presents broadcast for the first time recently on the local community cable TV channel.

"Noah Witman has been running an hour-long Jewish program for many years by himself," said Brenda Barrie, the WJCC's director of community relations and the new show's executive producer.

"He felt it was time to get help and came to the community council. Since this sort of thing falls within my mandate, the request was brought to me."

Barrie's initial concern was to avoid falling into the trap a previous community council director of community relations fell into with a foray into television several years ago.

"He was producer and host," she said. "It was tremendously time-consuming for him and presented viewers with too narrow a view.

"We decided on a magazine format and asked for volunteers."

Among those who stepped forward was Stuart Slayen, the show's producer. Slayen is a university student with an interest in journalism.

The show's hosts are Evelyn Hecht and Stephen Reich. "We are very fortunate in having Stephen and Evelyn as hosts," said Barrie. "Both are experienced performers — Evelyn has done a lot of theatre and Stephen has danced with Chai and sang with Shloshir — and they provide a nice balance in terms of age and sex."

Regular features will include Stuart (Uzi) Carroll's Hebrew for Tourists, book reviews of interest to the community by Elliot Leven and entertainment provided by David Pesochin and Shirley Brown.

To ease the pressure of taping the show, the features are taped well in advance with interviews and late news taped the week before the show airs each month. The first show had WJCC president Marjorie Blankstein and executive director Bob Freedman discussing in detail the recent changes in the council's voting procedures which gives Winnipeg the most democratic Jewish community in North America.

The last 20 minutes of each show will continue to be hosted by Noah Witman and be conducted in Yiddish. Witman also has a half-hour Yiddish show Thursdays on the same channel.

"Television is playing an ever more important role in the ethnic communities," said Barrie. "Every community needs people who know how to use the medium. We can develop massive amounts of material which will fit well into a TV-video format."

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Construction Division Co-chairman David Marks and Jack Chisvin are shown with Campaign Co-chairman Max Handelman during meeting at Chisvin home.

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The invitation sent out by Construction Division Co-chairmen **Jack Chisvin** and **David Marks**, promised an evening of "food, drink and good fellowship," plus card assignment. Those who attended weren't disappointed.

There was an unexpected cause for celebration. On that day, **Jack and Phyllis Chisvin** became grandparents. Their daughter gave birth to twin girls, and needless to say, the atmosphere at the Chisvin home that evening was "freilich." Mazel Tov to the Chisvin clan.

There were a number of new young faces at this meeting of the restructured construction division, which in past years has been a major part of the overall campaign.

In addition to the Co-chairmen were: **David Freeman, Sam Gardner, Neil Goldenberg, Allan Goldbach, Dan Gottesman, Max Handelman, Harold Lederman, Bernie Little, Stephanie Olin, Howard Orfus, Arthur Rothbart, Martin Shoom, Sid Silverberg, Sigmund Soudack.**

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Under the co-chairmanship of **Harvey Rosen** and **Gella Rothstein**, Getting Down to Business, has shaped up as a major event of the 1987 campaign.

It takes place on October 29 and 30, beginning an 8:30 breakfast on the first day with **Avi Bennett**, Chairman and President, McClelland and Stewart Publishing Company. Lunch is at 1:00 p.m. with **Paul Morton**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Television Network.

On the 30th, it's lunch at 1:00 with **Issy Sharp**, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Four Seasons Hotel Group.

These two October days — 29 and 30 — should have a special spot on your calendar as events not to be missed! An opportunity to hear three such prominent figures on the national business scene on two consecutive days, is a rare experience. It all happens at the Lipa Green Building.

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There's no doubt that UJA Day was a rousing success, thanks to the months of planning and hard work put into it by **Joan Stevens** and her team.

The previous evening, sponsored by the Business & Professional Women's Network, was equally as successful in terms of program content, attendance, and best of all, a 32% increase recorded on cards turned in. Program Chairmen were **Susan Gordin** and **Hinda Wexberg.**

Both programs dealt with international terrorism, a topic of vital concern for all civilized people and one that affects each of us.

The Women's Division program on the 8th attracted an attendance of 400 and resulted in an overall 20% increase in pledges.

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Many thanks to all the members.

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And speaking of doing it again, **David Stokes** and **David West**, Synagogue Division Co-chairmen, held another blockbuster telethon, in company with a dedicated team of 30 at the Lipa Green Building just over a week ago.

They successfully covered hundreds of cards during an evening stint on the telephones. Way to go!

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While we're citing the work of dedicated canvassers, we should mention **William Leibach** who's giving his all, as he usually does, in both the Societies and Metro Divisions. We've been told that he not only has come out to the B'nai Brith telethons, but has taken many cards on his own.

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U of T doctor raises funds

Help sought for Israelis to study rheumatology

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO — The chief of the University of Toronto's rheumatic diseases department has begun raising funds for a fellowship that would allow one or two Israeli students to study rheumatology in Canada.

Dr. Hugh Smythe told a recent meeting of the Toronto chapter of the Israel Medical Association that the Dunlop Foundation and the Conn Smythe Foundation, named for the doctor's hockey player father, have already signed on as donors to such a progr .

Dr. Smythe, who spent a month in Israel this past summer as a visiting professor at Ben-Gurion University, spoke about his impressions of the country from a non-Jewish perspective.

"It was one of the deepest learning experiences of my life," said Smythe. He has presented his slides and impressions of Israel to colleagues at the U of T.

Smythe said that Israel faces similar problems to Canada in that there will never be a large medical establishment there that can properly develop subspecialty medicine.

"A rheumatologist doesn't exist in Israel at this point, and it is unfortunate that no mechanism exists to bring some of the best trainees here for further study," he said.

Smythe believes that Israel needs a higher level of integration of subspecialists into community medicine, a recommendation that he is including in a written report on his trip.

"There seems to be a polarity between medicine in response to the surrounding community and the archtypical strawman specialist in the laboratory who does not have the same sense of responsibility to the community," he observed.

At BGU, located in the Negev where there is a large Bedouin population, Smythe had the chance to see "live rheumatology" that differed somewhat from what he sees in Canada. This included rheumatic fever, lupus and rheumatic arthritis. He also saw Israelis with fibritis, which he says is a disease often found among "perfectionist, high-achieving, hard-driving people."

The rheumatologist was impressed by the students at Ben-Gurion medical school and also learned a great deal from colleagues who had practiced medicine in the battlefield. "It is not like in MASH. Crucial life and death decisions must be made in a matter of minutes."

Smythe said he also enjoyed the informality of Israeli life and the openness with which he could discuss politics with Israelis.

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Laya Block (left) and Mina Kreiswirth hold the first and second volumes of their Parshah by Parshah activity books.

LONDON Ont. —

The second volume of Parshah by Parshah — The Book of Sh'mot — an innovative series of activity books for children from pre-school to grade 2 is out and available.

And the author, Laya Block, and illustrator, Mina Kreiswerth have also published a second edition of The Book of B'raishit, transliterated into Sephardic pronounciation.

The two new additions follow the original volume published last summer by the two enterprising women in this small southwestern Ontario city.

The series combines attractive illustrations with a text describing a central idea in the weekly Torah reading. The books are created with careful attention to detail and historical accuracy, the author says.

Each page is designed to teach a simple message and to entertain, says Block.

Children are introduced to the story of Exodus by drawing tears on the face of a Hebrew slave, by pasting leaping frogs around an Egyptian or by putting matzoh and bitter herbs in the bag of a Jew making a hasty departure.

And the book is intended to live long after the child has finished the various activities. It is meant to be kept by children as their own chumash to be read and studied long after it is completed, say Block and Kreiswirth.

Block, director of the Gan-Gani Nursery School, presented a workshop on Teaching the Parsha to the Pre-School Child, using the Parshah books at the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education in College Park, Maryland in August.

Printed locally by ElleZed Designs, the Parshah by Parshah books are available at book stores in Toronto and Montreal or by mail from: Gan Gani Productions, 1059 William St. London, Ont., N5Y 2T2.

Community mission to Israel scheduled

TORONTO —

On Monday, March 23, 200 United Jewish Appeal contributors will board an El Al jetliner enroute to a 10-day tour of Israel.

The Inaugural Toronto Community Mission to Israel is designed to strengthen the links between Toronto and Israel, according to Ronald Appleby, Toronto Jewish Congress president and mission chairman.

The mission program will include: a meeting with Israel's Prime Minister; a private briefing by the foreign minister; a meal with an airbase commander and pilots; a visit to Toronto's counterpart Project Renewal communities of Beit Dagan and Kfar Gvirol; tours of the Old City of Jerusalem; and a flight on board an Israel air force Hercules transport plane.

Unlike other UJA missions, there will be no fund raising on this trip, says Appleby. Cost of the mission is $2,150 for 10 nights hotel (based on double occupancy), airfare, touring and most meals. There is also an option of extending the trip for three days.

Space is limited. Anyone interested in more information is asked to contact Mark Gryfe at 635-2883, ext. 104.

The mission is a joint program of TJC and UJA.

Race relations group

TORONTO —

The Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations will present a seminar for persons interested in serving on the committee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the Council Chamber at Toronto City Hall.

The seminar will explain the purpose and responsibilities of the committee and its members. Application forms will be distributed and only those who attend the seminar will be eligible for appointment, the committee has announced.

There will be five vacancies on the committee in 1987. These are all volunteer positions, and successful applicants will be appointed by the mayor, who chairs the committee.

Applicants must have knowledge of and/or experience in the areas of race relations and multiculturalism. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who are residents of the City of Toronto.

The role of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations is to promote understanding and respect among racial, cultural, ethnic, religious and community groups in the city.

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More than 1,000 at lavish "bar mitzvah" party

Reena celebrates 13 years of accomplishments

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Reena Foundation officially celebrated its bar mitzvah year at a lavish bar mitzvah party held recently at the Constellation Hotel.

Over 1,000 people joined Reena's past and present leaders and former honorees to recognize the foundation's accomplishments of the past 13 years and pay tribute to those who helped make them possible.

"Like a child Reena spent the first 13 years learning, experimenting and being influenced by the forces around it," master of ceremonies Michael Feldman said prior to the candlelighting ceremony. "Like the child moving into adulthood at bar mitzvah time, Reena now begins the period of growing, of maturing, of transfering lessons learned from the fruits of experimentation on to others."

The party began as trumpeters summoned the guests to enter the spacious Galaxy Ballroom. After they took their seats and the head table guests were ushered in, dinner chairman Howard Ungerman took over.

"This being Reena's 13th year, the board of directors thought that it would be appropriate to throw a big bash and, to get the blessing of Rabbi Joseph Kelman (founder of Reena), we called it a bar mitzvah," said Ungerman. He announced that a total of $210,000 was raised from the bar mitzvah dinner.

Following appetizers of truite et saumon fumes "tiberias," potage printanier and salade Caesar, Ungerman called on the "mother of the bar mitzvah," Reena president Marilyn Raphael.

"Many years ago when my first child was born I experienced a trauma that many of you have faced," said Raphael. "I was told that my child had serious developmental problems. I felt alone and frightened. There seemed to be no one to turn to. Eventually I was told my child's needs could only be met by institutionalization.

"How joyous I feel as a parent tonight to look out in this room and see my daughter eating, drinking and sharing equally with all of you here tonight. That is what Reena means."

Raphael praised the many volunteers and officials at the ministry of community of social services for working with Reena to make it a viable organization and announced that, because of "greater government awareness and commitment," Reena would be expanding its residential program in 1987.

Looking back over the past 13 years, Raphael said that in 1976 Reena served 11 clients with a staff of six and a volunteer group of 20. Today, she said, Reena services 415 clients and their families with a full and part-time staff of 150 and hundreds of volunteers on the organization's many committees.

Mila Mulroney, honorary dinner chairperson, presented the Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award to Ray and Gina Osborne from Huttonville, Ont. who have adopted 16 handicapped children.

The award was created in 1984 in memory of a young Reena volunteer and is presented annually to a person who has involved him or herself in improving the quality of life for developmentally handicapped people. Past recipients include North York Alderman Irving Chapley and Wildred Horwich, chairman of the Reena Foundation's camp committee.

Following a dinner consisting of demi poulet roti taragon, les legumes du jardin and omelette norvegienne, MC Feldman called on the honorees to light the candles on the bar mitzvah cake.

The honorees included Rabbi Kelman, founding president and spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Helen and Joe Berman, longtime supporters of the foundation; Rochelle Carrody, founding member; Sam Handler, past president; Syrma Kochberg, past president; Harvey Adleman, past president; Eleanor London, past president; Paul Godfrey, former Metro Toronto chairman; Irving Ungerman, the power behind the establishment of the Irving Ungerman Sports Centre at Camp Reena; Frank Drea, former Ontario minister of community and social services; Marilyn Raphael; Sandy Keshen, Reena executive director; and John Sweeney, Ontario minister of community and social services.

Feldman lit a candle for absent honorees William Davis, Monty Hall and Mayor Mel Lastman and Reena clients Sheree Raphael, Pam Carrody and Sandy Kochberg lit the final candle. After all candles were lit, guests were asked to make a wish and blow out the candles on their tables. This was followed by a video highlighting Reena's accomplishments.

Rabbi Barry Schneider, associate rabbi at Beth Emeth, gave the invocation and Cantor Louis Danto, also from Beth Emeth, made the birkat hamazon. Esther Zeifman and Sidney Cohen, both Reena clients, made the hamotzi.

Present at the Reena bar mitzvah dinner was (from left) Joe Berman, Marilyn Raphael, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Helen Berman and Howard Ungerman. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Seniors referral service plans national expansion

OTTAWA —
The Golden Era Communications Ltd., which has been operating an information and referral service for seniors 59 and over in the Ottawa area since July, has announced plans to expand its operations across the country.

Its Ottawa office acts as a central clearing house for information on municipal, provincial and federal programs affecting seniors plus a listing of businesses that provide special offers, discounts and services to its more than 25,000 members.

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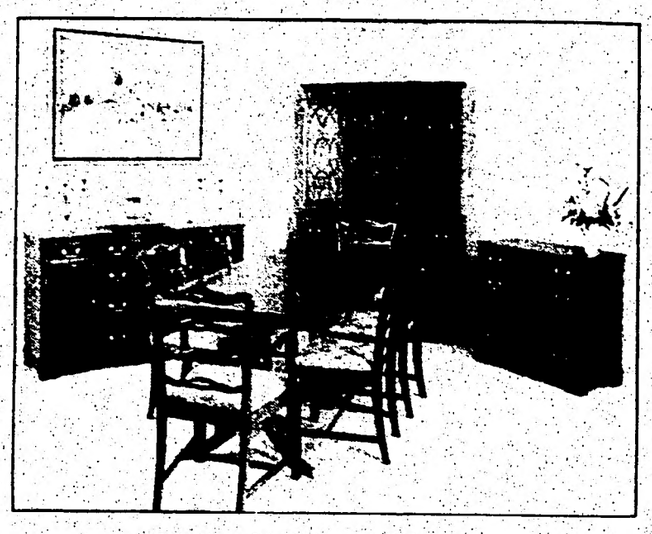

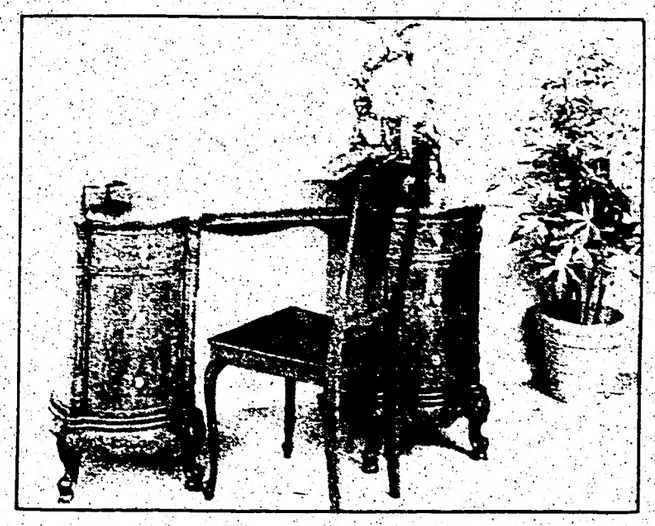

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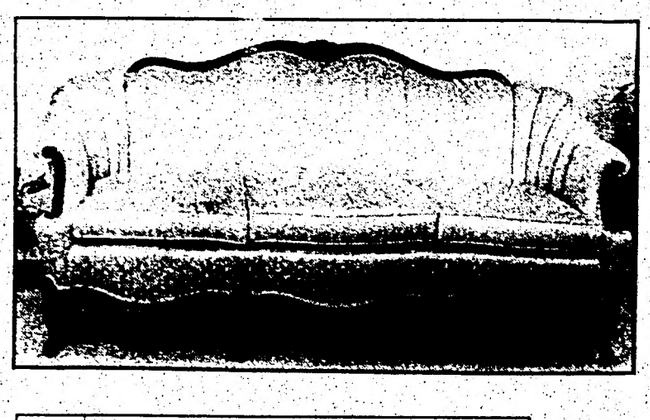

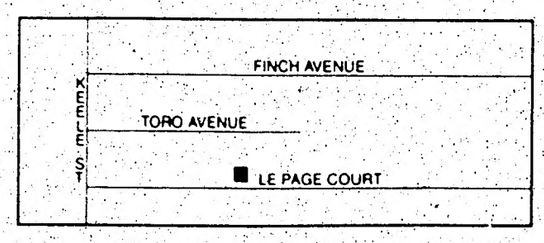

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Organizations and People

Jews, Italians to attend

Barbaro Chair to be dedicated

Jack I. Hauer, (left), president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Edward Bronfman, (centre) the Friends' national vice-president, and Ron D. Barbaro, chairman of the Metro Tornto Zoo, at a meeting held to discuss the Ron. D. Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

TORONTO —

Thirty representatives of Toronto's Jewish and Italian communities are leaving for Israel Nov. 3 on a very special mission — to attend the dedication of the Ron D. Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"The chair was endowed at a dinner held in Barbaro's honor last spring that brought together leaders from both communities. It was natural that we'd want to go off to Israel to finish what we'd started," said Jack I. Hauer, president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

"At the time, people were surprised to see so many Italians working so hard at a fund raiser for the Hebrew University. What they didn't realize was the closeness of our two communities, and the fact that the Hebrew University, in many ways, transcends Israel, and is very much an international institution," he said.

In fact, he said, the Hebrew University's newly-established (and Israel's only) School of Veterinary Medicine, is already making major contributions to international veterinary science. "What better place could there be to honor Ron, who is the chairman of the Metro Toronto Zoo," he said.

Hauer said the mission is more than a trip to the Hebrew University.

"We're going to give our Italian friends a real taste of Israel. Prof. Shlomo Avineri is going to tell us about Israel's political situation, and professor Yehoshua Ben Arveh, the world-famous geographer, is going to give us a tour of Jerusalem."

Mission participants will also visit Yad Vashem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, an Air Force base, and a kibbutz, and will meet with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, and Oded Eran, head of the North American desk of Israel's foreign service.

Rabbi urges total immersion

Torah life "perfect" way

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Total immersion in the Torah way of life provides for the ongoing year-round process of perfect teshuvah, according to the former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Mexico.

Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, now senior lecturer at Jerusalem's Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Centre for Judaic Studies, was addressing a capacity audience at Toronto Ohr Somayach's new quarters, in the Bathurst-Shelborne area.

Citing Maimonides, Milevsky said that "perfect" teshuva occurs when one refuses to commit the same sin again because of a genuine change in personality and inner characteristics.

A so-called "imperfect" teshuva is one in which a person changes the circumstances of his or her life to avoid sinning again.

A total immersion in the spirit and world of Torah, so that it becomes one's whole basis of existence, is the key to perfect teshuvah, said Rabbi Milevsky.

Living a Torah way of life does not, he pointed out, mean merely fulfiling the letter of the law. "A secular day with a sprinkling of Torah" is not enough to achieve perfect teshuvah, he said.

There is nothing wrong with imperfect teshuvah, the rabbi hastened to add, "but simply it is better to raise one's level of resistance" so that one is simply not tempted.

Milevsky's visit to Canada was sponsored by Ohr Sonayach and by Congregation Anshei Minsk. Milevsky led High Holiday services at the Kensington-area synagogue.

Milevsky's address was part of an annual series of lectures on the High Holidays sponsored by the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program (JEP) and Ohr Somayach.

Court reserves Cohen verdict

TORONTO —

A verdict in the trial of the Canadian director of Jews for Jesus has been reserved until Nov. 18.

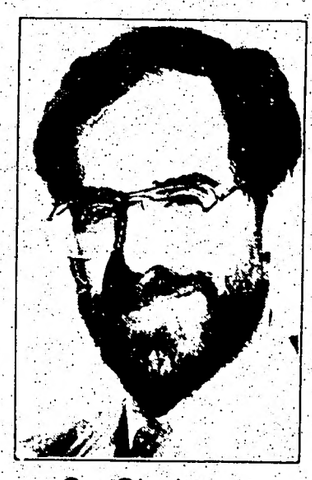
Steve Cohen, 37, was charged with trespassing at York University last spring, when he was arrested for allegedly handing out his organization's literature without the university's permission.

In the recent 3-day trial, Cohen's lawyer argued that under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, his client had the right to come on the campus. Because he was arrested, Cohen said, his constitutional rights to freedom of religion and freedom of expression were violated.

But the Crown argued that the constitutional argument was not relevant and that Cohen's arrest was justified because he did not have the university's permission to hand out leaflets on campus.

The Crown also argued that some of Jews for Jesus' literature was intended to provoke Jews.

Canadian Jewish Congress closely monitored proceedings, largely because Jews for Jesus' alleged proselytization of Jews was discussed in court.



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Ben-Gurion Centennial

Navon will kick off celebration

TORONTO — Former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon will be here on Oct. 31 to start a year-long celebration of the Ben-Gurion Centennial that "will raise the consciousness of the community positively towards Israel," the Toronto co-chairmen say.

Ruth Leroy and Ilse Seetner are overseeing a committee composed of representatives of several organizations in Toronto.

The committee includes: Max Shecter (CZF), Anne Gross (CJC), Esther Matlow (Hadassah-WIZO), Harry Weinstock (Labor Zionist Movement), Norma Barkin (Pioneer Women), Ellen Kachuk (B'nai B'rith), Sid Chelsky and Ron Oelbaum (Canadian Associates, Ben-Gurion University) and Alan Feld (CJC).

The Toronto group is coordinating its activities with the Canadian Ben-Gurion Centennial Council and is made up of natonal presidents and Ben-Gurion Centennial chairmen of every national Jewish organization.

The honorary chairman is Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Co-chairmen are Israel's ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, and Canadian Zionist Federation president, Neri Bloomfield.

After visits to Ottawa and Montreal, Navon will come to Toronto for a reception at the Ontario Legislature with Premier David Peterson.

On Sunday Nov. 2, at 11 a.m., he will address a public rally at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The centennial programs (marking 100 years since the birth of Ben-Gurion) continue throughout the year until October 1987 and include plans for an aliya month, mobile visual and audio exhibitions for use by synagogues and other communal organizations, an essay competition, special tourist promotions with tours of Ben-Gurion University, and lectures by those who personally knew Israel's first Prime Minister.

And the University of Toronto and York University will contribute to the celebration.

The Jewish Student Union at the University of Toronto plans a Ben-Gurion week in January with guest lectures, book displays and films. For more information contact Dennis Zamel at 923-9861.

The Jewish Students Federation at York University is planning a major Israel Education Week in the spring. For more information contact Isaac Becker at 736-5178.

Ilse Seetner (left) and Ruth Leroy are the co-chairmen for Toronto for the Ben-Gurion Centennial.

Programs will continue throughout year

Leroy and Seetner, who became "fast friends" while working together bring a wealth of volunteering experience to the centennial project.

Leroy is past council chairman of the national board of Pioneer Women, and is chairman of the board of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Seetner is past council president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, and is vice-president of the central region of CZF.

"Zionism has to be promoted and hatred of Israel offset," says Seetner, citing her reasons for working on the centennial.

Ben-Gurion was a founding father of Israel and one of the greatest Zionists of all times, says Leroy explaining her own motivations.

The co-chairmen say future events associated with the centennial will be publicized in due course. For more information call the CZF at (416) 665-7935.

Missionaries target poor

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — Missionaries are doing all they can in their attempt to attract immigrants and other poor people in Israel, the Toronto branch of the anti-missionary group Yad L'Achim was told recently.

American Rabbi Berel Wein, who has worked as a volunteer for the group, told more than 100 supporters in a meeting in a private home in North York that they shouldn't avoid their duty to help these targets of missionaries.

Missionaries get converts by such activities as hanging around outside courtrooms, Wein said. For example, sometimes an alcoholic father will be sentenced to jail for a crime and as impoverished family members leave, they will be approached by the missionaries who offer them help and money, he added.

Wein said Yad L'Achim, which means "a hand to your brothers," hopes to deal with this problem by also attending court and providing money to those in need.

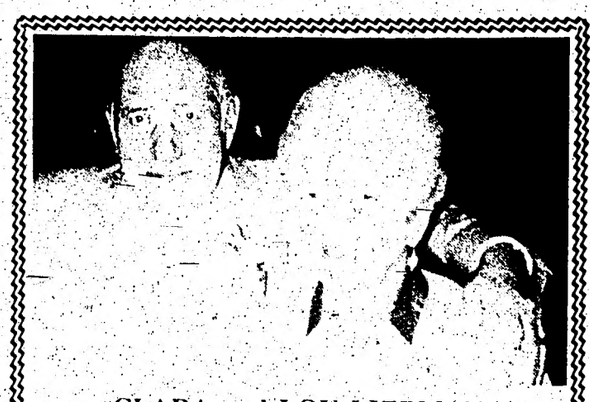
There are close to 3,500 missionaries in Israel, in addition to cult groups that prey mainly on teenagers, said the rabbi who is a former executive director of the Union of Orthodox Congregations and founder of Yeshiva Shaarei Torah of Rockland, NY.

"All Israel is one family and if people are having problems, we can't shun our responsibilities," Dr. John Goldhar, Yad L'Achim's Toronto director, said in an interview.

Yad L'Achim, which was founded in 1949 and now has more than 5,000 volunteers most of whom are yeshiva students, has been involved in identifying covert missionary workers in Israel and organizing anti-cult activity.

It has also been a leading opponent of the Mormons educational centre currently under construction in Jerusalem.

For more information on Yad L'Achim, call Dr. John Goldhar weekdays at 961-0312.



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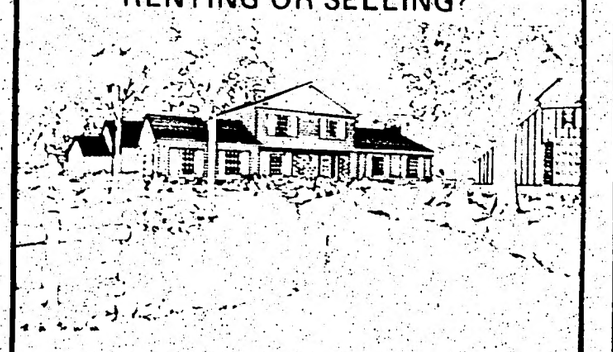

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Organizations and People

Joseph Tanenbaum (left) with Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue board chairman Lawrence Cherniak.

Synagogue plans Tanenbaum tribute

TORONTO —

Philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum will be honored at a tribute dinner next month on the occasion of his 80th birthday by the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue and the Friends of Joseph Tanenbaum, synagogue board chairman Lawrence Cherniak has announced.

The dinner, to be held Dec. 4 in the Grand Ballroom of the Toronto Sheraton Centre Hotel, will pay tribute to "Tanenbaum's years of support of Torah scholarship and his unfailing commitment to care for the needs of his fellow man regardless of race, color, religion and nationality," Cherniak said.

Joining with the synagogue under the umbrella heading the Friends of Joseph Tanenbaum are many of the more than 350 major charities that Tanenbaum supports annually, the board chairman added.

Proceeds of the event will be used to help in the construction of the Joseph Tanenbaum Synagogue Centre at Clark and Bathurst streets in Thornhill, Cherniak said.

Having been honored by virtually every major institution, and particularly those involving religious teaching, or observance, for his specific acts of support and philanthropy," the community now wanted to say 'thank you to Joe' — and to do something for him instead of asking for something from him."

The Joseph Tanenbaum Synagogue Centre is now under construction and it is estimated that construction should be sufficiently progressed by next Rosh Hashanah to allow the congregation to daven in the complex.

This 70,000 square foot building will include the synagogue, a yeshiva, libraries, a mikveh, classrooms, youth facilities, and kitchen and banquet facilities for functions of up to 1,000 people.

For more information about the Joseph Tanenbaum Tribute Dinner, call Stephen Rosen at 886-3810.

Guest chazzan leads services

Celebration for Iraqi Jews

TORONTO —

The Iraqi Jewish Association of Ontario celebrated the recent High Holidays under the leadership of an 18-year-old guest chazzan who received special permission from the Israel Defence Forces to come for the occasion.

Oren Eliahoo, born in Israel but of Iraqi-Jewish heritage, led the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the Iraqi tradition at the Winchevsky School, 585 Cranbrook Ave.

Eliahoo came at the request of the organization after the death of David Sibillia who had led the services for the past 15 years, says Dr. Naim Dallal, a founder of the association.

Eliahoo, whose parents come from the Iraqi village of Amara (now caught in the war between Iran and Iraq) lives in Holon, near Tel Aviv.

He has already studied electronics in a special program for high school students at Bar Ilan University and plans to study electrical engineering when he completes his army service.

Eliahoo says he will work in communications when he returns to Israel to enter the IDF.

Dr. Naim Dallal (left) with guest chazzan Oren Eliahoo.

"It's very interesting that Iraqi Jews all around the world still remember their melodies, and it's very important," commented Eliahoo.

Dalall says that the young chazzan also serves as a mohel, schochet, and sofaer in his community, and has been a winner of the international Tanach competition held in Israel.

The Iraqi Jewish Association of Ontario is recognized by The Canadian Jewish Congress and has about 200-member families, says Dallal. Its aim is to promote the culture and religion of Iraqi Jews. For more information about the organization, contact Dr. Dallal at (416) 463-5010.

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Ontario ski schools cater to children and teens

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Southern Ontario, with ski centres a short bus ride from major population centres, offers a number of ski schools that cater strictly to children and teens.

For the most part, these clubs offer instruction, transportation and tow tickets. However, before enrolling your enthusiastic would-be Tod Brooker, there are certain questions a parent should consider when choosing the right club.

1. What exactly is included in the package?

A well rounded package should include close supervision, bus transportation, qualified instruction and tow tickets.

Supervision is extremely important. Schools which have adult supervisors are likely to offer more mature guidance than those with teenage staff. Supervision does not stop with the chaperone however. Some ski centres funnel skiers into one area, facilitating supervision. Other centres run along an escarpment, making supervision more difficult as the child can come out anywhere across the hill.

The instructors should be certified by the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance, the governing ski body in Canada. Their purpose is to ensure that ski schools across the country are teaching the same maneuvers and techniques.

Parents should check to make sure tow tickets are included in the package. Some schools charge extra for them.

2. Where does the ski school teach?

There is no best ski centre for your son or daughter. The general considerations are distance, size of the hill and crowding on the slopes.

Love that powder. Picking the right school can help make your children accomplished skiers.

For youngsters up to age 6, the hills within Metro Toronto are probably best. They are easily accessible and usually offer good instruction. Earle Bales and Uplands are two well known hills.

For children in the 7-13 category, the Barrie area offers longer runs and more diversity. More important, these centres are relatively close to Toronto. Long bus rides can be particularly taxing on a youngster.

Make sure the hill you send your child to is not one that is perpetually crowded. This is especially true of the Barrie area where some centres are quite crowded. You can't learn how to ski while standing in line waiting for a tow.

Teens are likely to benefit from more challenging terrain and diversity. The Collingwood area, though further from Toronto, is a classic example. Ski schools which travel to different ski centres offer the teenager needed diversity.

Some schools, such as Snowhawks, offer programs designed specifically for different age groups.

3. How long has the school been in business?

Experience makes a difference. Will they be in business come January or will enrolment be insufficient? The school you choose should have at least two years of operation under its belt.

4. Will your son or daughter receive individual attention if needed?

Children don't progress at the same rate. For some, a little individual attention is guaranteed to get them up to the speed of the class.

Don't be afraid to ask the school for references before the season starts. Once lessons are underway, feel free to discuss your child's progress and ask if he or she can receive extra attention if needed.

• *The information for this story was provided by Mitchell Gorski, president of Snowhawks Ski School (416) 741-8534.*

Canucks to run Kinneret

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Most people visiting Israel think a nice relaxing day on the beach, soaking up the sun and not moving too far, is a good way to spend your free time when not touring.

Not so the 30 Canadians expected to depart for the Holy Land on Dec. 13. Those 30 will be packing a little extra equipment with them when they leave for Ben-Gurion airport — such as their long distance running shoes, for instance.

What sets these energetic Canucks apart from the mass of visitors to Israel is their participation in an International Running Tour of Israel — an 8-day adventure that includes the Sea of Galilee International Marathon.

Judy Haber, a Torontonian who participated in last year's 26-mile race, is coordinating the running event for Discovery Tours, which is offering a number of packages for the trip.

Haber says the upcoming run, scheduled for Dec. 17, is "non-competitive." While the race features world class runners from Sweden, West Germany, France, Switzerland and Israel who sport times of just over 2 hours, you can, if you wish, spend four hours or more to get to the finish line, Haber says.

The route itself is quite beautiful, she adds. "It's flat and very scenic." Beginning in Tiberias, the run hugs Lake Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee) and crosses the Jordan River. What's more, it's unique, being the lowest marathon anywhere, with the course entirely below sea level.

Last year, 900 joggers, running in 12 degrees C participated.

The tour, which runs from Dec. 13-21, also features the King David Breakfast Run on Dec. 15. That 4 km. group-run begins at David's Citadel in the Old City of Jerusalem and follows a route around the walls of the Old City.

And, there's a 5 km. Christmas Fun Handicap race in Netanya later in the schedule.

While the tour offers joggers the opportunity to keep in running trim, there are also a number of sightseeing events planned, with tours of Jerusalem, Masada, Nazareth, Akko (Acre) and Caesarea included.

Costs begin at $1,595 based on double occupancy, with variations available depending on accommodation and point of departure. Runners must register with the Israel Running Centre at a charge of $40 U.S.

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Adath Israel Sisterhood

Eveningwear, furs at show

Adele Wechsler hand-knitted evening wear and Jeffrey Nelson's designs in fur will be highlights of Adath Israel Sisterhood's annual tea and fashion show at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 2. Two new shops, Fenzi and Leggenda will show a collection of imported menswear and ladies' daytime wear.

At 25, South African-born Adele Wechsler has lived in Canada for only five years but has become a force to be reckoned with on the Toronto fashion scene.

Most of her garments are custom-made to suit the individual customer. Her collection for fall includes wool, angora, silk and mohair sweaters trimmed in fine textured leathers, suedes and fabrics — all coordinated with silk skirts and pants.

In her evening wear, which will be featured in the show, chiffons, panne velvets, iridescent fabrics and imported lace figure prominently.

Jeffrey Nelson has cast aside traditional concepts of fur design to produce garments which, he says, "are unique in style and color."

Nelson has designed collections for Ben Kahn in New York, for Neiman Marcus and for Creeds. He has his own label and is associated with GM Furs of Toronto.

Rounding out the show will be ladies' daywear from Leggenda, a new boutique in the Promenade Mall, and menswear from Fenzi, which has boutiques in Oakville Place, the Promenade and Yorkdale.

The show begins at 2 p.m. and tea will be served immediately following. Admission is $12.

A 3-piece ensemble — skirt sweater and cardigan. Skirt is of re-embroidered floral lace in the color of ecru with knit shell and cardigan ensemble with lace applique and bead work. By Adele Wechsler.

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Fashion

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Children take Right Step when it comes to shoes

By
LORI SMITH

Today, children's shoes combine function and wearability with fashion.

Lionel Rabkin, owner of Right-Step Children's Shoes, 1699 Avenue Rd., says that in the past people would come to a children's shoestore and simply buy what fit. Now, however, parents want to buy their children shoes that compliment current fashions.

"Although it really does depend on the market, parents are generally willing to pay more for good-looking fashion shoes for their children now. And today there is a lot more choice. There are more imports and Canadian products have also improved."

Rabkin's store offers high quality footwear for children ranging from infants to young teens. He suggests that when parents take their children to buy shoes they go to a store that can offer them knowledgeable service and first and foremost, have the child's foot measured properly.

"The best shoe to buy will be the right width and have a little bit of growing room. And if the parents are going to buy just one pair of shoes for their child they should be leather.

"It's a natural material that allows the foot to breathe and that helps to prevent eczema and other foot problems. For the same reason, socks should be cotton, not acrylic, which defeats the purpose."

He says that soft, flexible leather shoes are popular with children today and some of the leading styles include deck shoes; lace-ups, leather running shoes; metallic shoes in gold or silver for girls of all ages; penny-loafer styles; desert boots and shoes with appliques or different textures.

"There are more unisex type shoes. Boys and girls often wear similar clothes now and that has carried over into shoes. Before girls wore styles with straps and boys wore lace-up shoes. Now girls wear laces and boys wear straps and they both wear loafers."

Rabkin explains that boy's shoes are more imaginative and fun than they used to be. And while navy blue remains the most popular color, tan and a lot of red shoes are also being purchased.

For girls, many of the styles echo those being worn by women.

Three favorite children's shoes from the Right Step. From left, Ari sports lace shoes, Lindsay in a T-strap and Noah in decks. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

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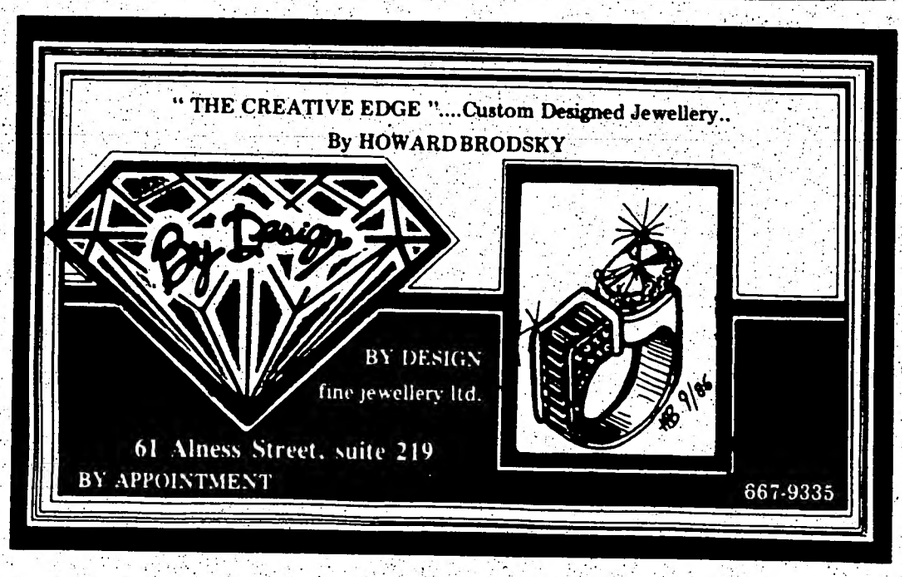

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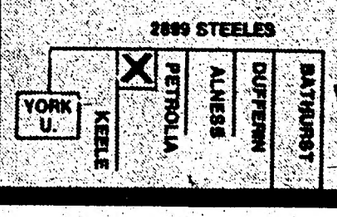

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TV version of None is Too Many planned

"Docu-tainment" to chronicle shameful record

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Sometime in early 1988, Canadian television audiences will be treated to something many would probably have difficulty imagining: a TV version of the bestseller by Irving Abella and Harold Troper, *None is Too Many*, which chronicled Canada's shameful record of admitting (or not admitting) Jews during World War II.

Pre-production has been under way since the summer and principal shooting will begin next fall on the 3-hour "docu-tainment," which will combine dramatizations with real-life interviews, says the project's producer, Jerry Appleton.

A co-production between Renaissance Productions and Concept Equity Funding, both of Toronto, the work will be a "journalistic" look at Canada's immigration policies before, after and especially during the war, when the government of Prime Minister Mackenzie King, fearing Canada would be "flooded with Jews," out and out refused to take in more than a token amount of Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe.

"It's a very delicate project," Appleton admitted to The CJN. "We decided either we would do it exceptionally well or not at all."

About half the movie will be comprised of interviews with people who were affected by Canada's policy — either someone who was admitted or a relative of someone who wasn't. It's a technique, Appleton says, borrowed from Warren Beatty's movie, Reds.

The interviews will serve as a catalyst for the rest of the film, which will dramatize meetings of Canadian Jewish representatives, the King cabinet, immigration officials and one Frederick Charles Blair, who, if there is a villain in the book, is it.

It was Blair, a senior bureaucrat in the department of immigration, who set the tone for the government's restrictive policies on admitting Jews.

Blair probably didn't hate Jews. He just didn't want them here and was fiercely proud of his ability to keep Jews from Canadian shores. In fact, he saw himself as a friend of the Jews because too many Jews in Canada would, in his mind, overburden the exisiting Jewish community and would be of little benefit to the immigrants.

As well, he and King both feared anti-semitic backlashes, especially in Quebec, if a large number of Jewish refugees was admitted. In the end, the decision to keep Jews out was a political one. King, for one, was concerned with the dangers posed by "too great an intermixture of foreign strains of blood."

Consequently, while the United States took in 200,000 Jewish war refugees; Palestine, 125,000; Britain, 70,000; distant China, 25,000; Bolivia and Chile, 14,000 each, Canada found room for just 5,000 souls.

The movie's cameras will show us, in a stealthy kind of way, the machinations of Blair's mind, the eccentricities of King and how Jewish authorities here frantically lobbied both men.

"The audience will be peeking around corners, eavesdropping on conversations," says Appleton. "We'll be recreating moments in a very dramatic way. It's like eavesdropping on history."

No doubt we'll also be shown the conversation an anonymous Canadian official had with reporters in 1945. Asked how many Jews would be admitted to Canada after the war, the response was, "None is too many."

As well, old wartime footage of the trickle of refugees arriving with their string-bound parcels will be incorporated.

To show a subject this sensitive under the harsh glare of television requires a deft hand, Appleton says.

"It's going to be an emotional journey. This is the Holocaust as seen from this side of the Atlantic."

Shooting will take place in Toronto, Montreal and New York and the script is being written by veteran screenwriter M. Charles Cohen, whose credits include the last four episodes of the ABC mini-series Roots, as well as the made-for-TV movie, Joe, the Forgotten Kennedy. Both co-authors of the book will act as consultants.

The director will be Harvey Hart, a Hollywood mainstay who's done a slew of made-for-TV films and was the director of the detective show, Columbo, which starred Peter Falk.

Casting is yet to be done. The actors being sought, explains co-producer Malcolm Silver, will be bankable but also, physical resemblances to King and Blair will be assets.

So far, Appleton says, all three Canadian networks have expressed interest in buying the work, but Global, he points out, has been the most supportive in the early stages of research.

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The movies and showtimes are: Wizard of Oz, 10 a.m. Nov. 2; Willie Wonka & The Chocolate Factory, 10 a.m. Nov. 23; and Annie, 10 a.m. Dec. 14.

Spearheaded by Harry Kichler and assisted by Murray Belzberg, Tim Danson, Ronnie Faust, Gary Goldberg, Arnie Recht and Bill Weiner, the committee aims to provide a family activity which will be helpful for parents and entertaining for their children.

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Bouchan exhibit

TORONTO —

Jacob Bouchan, a well known Israeli writer and artist, is in Toronto for the next few weeks to exhibit about 50 of his paintings.

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Reveen the Impossiblist

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By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

When I last reviewed his act at the Elgin Theatre 10 years ago, he was billed as Reveen the Magician. And he headed a spectacular show whose feats of illusion left me spellbound.

Now he's back in town until Nov. 5 at the Music Hall Theatre (147 Danforth Ave., 465-0040) billed as Reveen the Impossiblist. And he's heading a different kind of show as a Svengali of what he calls "suggestible super-consciousness," whose hypnotic feats left me and the audience mesmerized.

Whatever his billing may be, this former Australian, with the black devilish goatee, magnetic eyes and satanic wit, is a magnificent showman and puts on an entertaining show.

This time around, he begins the show with a demonstration of his powers of memory. He calls upon a dozen people from the audience to place 32 different cardboard signs imprinted with various symbols into a number of slots on billboards in any order.

He watches them do so, turns his back, and then identifies the symbols in their precise order, forwards and backwards.

But the highlight of his show is his demonstration of mass hypnosis.

Under his spell, a dozen volunteers from the audience — winnowed down from an initial 75 — lose their inhibitions and are guided by Reveen into becoming stars of the show.

In their trance-like state, these amateur performers do the most amazing — and laugh-provoking — things.

He had them twirling up and down the aisles on imaginary ice skates. They stood on their seats and beat their breasts yelling like Tarzans.

He had some of them convinced they were astronauts exchanging repartee in hilarious gibberish with others equally convinced they were aliens on the moon.

Well, you get the general idea. In a spirit of fun, they behaved outlandishly, and at the end of the evening, he snapped his fingers, and they returned to being ordinary, inhibition-bound Torontonians.

Out of curiosity, I asked two of them if they remembered performing these antics. They had no memory of it at all.

Reveen, who now makes his home in Las Vegas, sells record albums at $10 each teaching people how to relax and give up smoking and over-eating and other bad habits.

For the same price, you can catch his act and beguile away boredom in a very diverting family show.

RWB will perform Macdonald ballet

TORONTO —

A ballet created by Canadian choreographer Brian Macdonald will be featured by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet performing Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 at the O'Keefe Centre.

Titled *Steps*, the ballet will be staged with music by J. Murray Schafer, Cevin Key, Nivek Ogre and George Frederic Handel.

Also on the program will be two ballets choreographed by Jiri Kylian, *Nuages* and *Symphony In D*.

Tickets range from $8 to $30.

Despite credible performance of Kathleen Turner

Peggy Sue sinks under its own weight

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

What if you had the opportunity to go back in time? Would you do it? And if you could, what, if anything, would you change in your life?

This fanciful notion, treated so well in *Back to the Future* last year, is the subject of Francis Ford Coppola's latest film, *Peggy Sue Got Married*.

Peggy Sue (Kathleen Turner), a 43-year-old mother with all-American looks, is primping herself for a class reunion. Twenty five years have elapsed since her graduation from Buchanan High, and Peggy Sue, despite some hesitancy about going, clearly wants to impress her former classmates.

Peggy Sue hasn't fared badly since graduating in 1960. She is still shapely and pretty, and she has a successful business. But her marriage has gone sour and Peggy Sue is on the verge of divorcing her husband, Charlie (Nicolas Cage).

At the reunion, Peggy Sue faints and, through some miraculous process, is transported back to 1960.

Now younger, but infinitely wiser and more experienced, Peggy Sue resolves to undo the mistakes she committed as a callow teenager.

She keeps Charlie at bay and she consorts with boys who would have repelled before her reincarnation. Peggy Sue gets to know the boy genius whom everyone considers an oddball and the Jack Kerouac-like figure who spouts free-spirited poetry.

Being a time traveler, Peggy Sue has advantages no one else can possibly possess. She can predict the future and can therefore avoid the errors which waylaid her in her youth.

There are some fine, funny moments in Peggy Sue Got Married, the script of which was written by Jerry Leichtling and Arlene Sarner. And John Barry's musical score is thoroughly satisfying.

But the film, in spite of its flashes of wit, is rather dull for the most part.

The beautiful and talented Kathleen Turner turns in another credible performance; but she cannot save Peggy Sue Got Married from submerging under its weight.

Peggy Sue, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is hardly in the same league as *Back to the Future*.

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Goldman's windows give shul new light

TORONTO —

The eastern wall of the Beach Hebrew Institute (109 Kenilworth Ave.) once again sees the light of day.

After 15 years of being boarded up, the once stained glass windows of this historic building have been replaced with the work of congregant and local stained glass artist, Beverley Goldman.

The two 5-foot by 3-foot abstract panels use color and light to represent man's interaction with God through prayer. Inspired by her own religious conviction and a recent family illness Goldman's donation of these windows is part of a growing community effort to renew and revive one of Toronto's oldest synagogues. The synagogue was a target of vandals in the 1960's when the original stained glass windows were smashed. The windows were boarded up in the 1970's when the shul was revived by a growing Beaches Jewish community.

The glowing windows will add new light to a new congregation.

Goldman has completed stained glass commissions, restorations, and teaches the art of stained glass through the Toronto Board of Education. Her stained glass work is shedding light in numerous private homes in the Toronto area. For further information, call Beverley Goldman at 416-461-1309.

Actor Wynn dies at 70

LOS ANGELES —

Keenan Wynn, the Jewish character actor best remembered for movie roles in such classics as *Dr. Strangelove* and *Kiss Me Kate*, died of cancer recently at 70.

He was the son of the late comedian Ed Wynn and father of screenwriter Tracy Keenan Wynn.

His acting career spanned appearances in more than 200 movies and TV shows.

His most recent role was as a seat-of-the-pants flier whose son flew U-2 missions in the ABC-TV series *Call To Glory*.

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Arts

It's a long way from shtetls of Poland

Play deals with family's adapting to Canadian life

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy *If Cows Could Fly*, the true saga of how five generations of a Jewish family adapted to the harsh realities of life in Canada.

Toronto playwright and actor Allan Merovitz has crafted a work that chronicles his own family's journey from the shtetls of Poland and Latvia to life in Canada's big cities and sprawling country, over a 200-year span.

True, many Canadian Jews have similar stories — they could tell of how their families endured hardships in the shtetls and made their way to freedom here, but Merovitz, 44, has actually done it in stage form.

If Cows Could Fly opens Oct. 29 at the Nathen Cohen Studio (165 Front St. E.) and runs through Nov. 9. What makes this play all the more remarkable is that Merovitz alone plays all the 20 or so characters — all the bubbies, zaydes, aunts and uncles, as well as himself and the mystical Golem that is said to protect Jews.

Why would anyone want to see a 90-minute, 1-man play about its author's family? The answer, Merovitz says, is that Canada is a land of immigrants and his story is really every immigrant's story: the hardships of the old country, the starry-eyed visions of the new world, the journey over and finally, the new life in Canada.

If Cows Could Fly premiered last August at the Fringe Festival in Edmonton and it ran during Expo 86 in Vancouver. The play won favorable reviews in both places.

Merovitz begins at the very beginning of Jewish life in Canada: he's a direct descendant of Aaron Hart, the first Jew to settle in Canada and the father of Ezekiel Hart, the first Jew elected to a Canadian legislative body. (Ezekiel Hart was never allowed to take his seat in the Quebec legislature in 1806, as he refused to take the Christian oath of office).

But the play really begins in 1875 in the old country, where fable spinning and dreaming served to buoy the flagging hopes of the beleaguered Jews.

Merovitz's great-grandmother, it seemed, had a dream in which her mother told her where some money was hidden. The money was there alright — in the wall of the local bakery — and that's how the family was able to emigrate.

We progress to the author's grandfather, Moishe Waxman, a cobbler who settled in the town of Canso, Nova Scotia and came to be known as "the Canso Jew." After World War I, Waxman moved to the Ottawa valley, where the family settled.

We see how Waxman's son, Merovitz's Uncle Chaim, faced a great deal of anti-semitism in Smiths Falls, Ont., even after returning from World War II as something of a hero.

The author was born in Montreal but grew up in Smiths Falls as an Orthodox Jew. "The family had rabbinic aspirations for me," Merovitz told The CJN. "But all I wanted to do was go fishing with my friends."

Merovitz says he spent 12 years researching his family tree and writing the script. In addition to all that, he wrote the play's music.

"It's a sad, funny, mystical play that has common threads for everyone. I didn't write the show for a Jewish audience," the author says.

The title is taken from two sources. Merovitz says he wanted to conjure images "a la Chagall," in which cows as well as people could fly.

Allan Merovitz

Another inspiration was Merovitz's relative, Leonard Applebaum, a dairy farmer who has a dream in which his prize Holstein, Rosy, can fly and takes him to Nashville, where the Jewish farmer fulfils his lifelong goal: to sing at the Grand Old Opry.

"Essentially, the play says that in spite of all the hardships, prejudices and struggles, we are alive, and as long as we can live, we can dream and fulfil our dreams," Merovitz says. The play, he adds, is ideal for children aged 10 and over.

For ticket information, call 864-9732.

British comedy doesn't let the audience down

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

British comedies can be deliciously amusing, and, happily, *Clockwise*, is no stranger to that tradition.

From the moment the film gets under way, a viewer has the distinct feeling that it will not let him down. And it does not.

Undoubtedly, Clockwise owes much of its inspiration to that legendary Hollywood farceur, Mack Sennett. For it is full of improbable situations, riproaring chases and zany, eccentric characters whom only the British could have invented.

The film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, revolves around a steely-eyed schoolmaster, Brian Stimpson, whose mania for punctuality and discipline are both admirable and ridiculous. Stimpson (John Cleese) administers the school like a general, and pity the poor student who's late or slovenly. Clocks and watches measure out his life, and Stimpson will not tolerate any deviation from the norms he's established.

In light of his rigid ways, it is ironical that Stimpson, of all people, should be stymied by the clock. But that is exactly what happens when he attempts to meet a speaking engagement in another town 150 miles away.

Stimpson totally frazzled

In a series of farcical episodes which generally keep an audience in stitches, Stimpson gets on the wrong train, tries unsuccessfully to board the right one, makes a futile attempt to enlist the help of his wife and commandeers the car of one of his comely students as well as the Porche of a bamboozled businessman.

By the time he arrives at his appointed destination, Stimpson is totally frazzled and wearing someone else's clothes.

John Cleese looks, acts and sounds like the quintessential middle-class Englishman whose bumbling knows no bounds. Cleese is delightful, as are the supporting actors.

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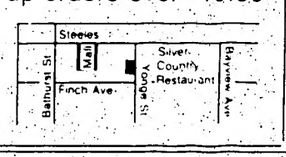

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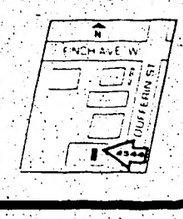

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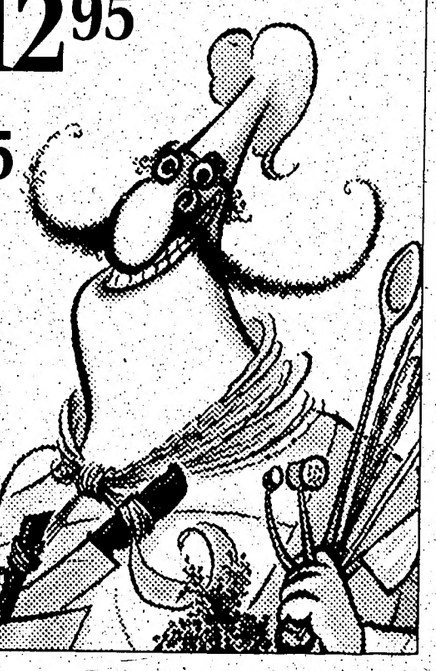

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Arts

Comic "never did get older and wiser"

Cabaret role change of pace for Rozen

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

When he was 7, he told his parents: "Some day I want to sing and dance and entertain like the wonderful people I see on TV."

His father, Morris, an immigrant tailor, looked at his mother, Chana, and both shook their heads.

Nu, let him do it," said Chana. "Then when he gets older and wiser, he'll realize, poor shmo, that entertaining is not for him."

"I never did get older and wiser," says Robert Rozen, who at 34 considers himself a perpetual Peter Pan.

So *nu*, what is he doing now that he has made a name for himself recently as the lovable nebbish Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* and as the phudnik — the equally lovable nudnik with a PhD — playing the title role in *Kuni Leml?*

This time the Toronto-born comic entertainer is playing a more sardonic role. He's the cynical master of ceremonies who sings a welcome through painted lips to guests entering the sleazy Kitkat Club in decadent Berlin in 1929.

In other words, he plays a key starring role in *Cabaret*, the musical drama which opens at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Oct. 30 and runs until Nov. 22.

"I thought Joel Grey was great as emcee in the movie version," said Rozen in a recent CJN interview between rehearsals. "But the play is different from the film.

"I make him like a camera, reflecting the different moods and introducing the different characters. It's all done in Brechtian, harsh Germanic manner, but he can be charming as well as lascivious."

The role is a change of pace for Rozen, a slight, 5-foot-7, 135-pound actor, who was nicknamed Mouse as a boy, and is frequently typecast in comic, sad-sack roles.

Like many comic actors, he yearns to play tragic Shakespearean parts. In his case, he'd love to play Shylock.

"I'd portray him as a loving man," he says.

What does he think of the recent controversy over *The Merchant of Venice?*

"I'm against censorship of any kind," he says firmly.

But he adds the qualifier: "I don't believe it should be staged for very young children, who don't know what prejudice means. But I do believe it should be played to young people in later grades, who've been first given a grounding in the history of anti-semitism."

Rozen himself has a thorough background in all aspects of his profession.

He began his career in kindergarten at Frankland Public School playing the role of a mouse — a squeaky one — in a Christmas pageant. At 8, he was singing and dancing for school broadcasts.

In grade 3, he played the March Wind — a blowy one — at a spring concert for the pick of public school singers for a choir of piping soprano voices.

In grade 13 at Riverdale Collegiate, he played a long-haired hoodlum — "a Peter Lorreish one" — in a melodrama called *Hooray For The Bride.*

After a dismal year studying philosophy at University of Toronto, he was inspired to join a troupe of Toronto puppeteers who got a government grant to entertain the Inuit in the eastern Arctic.

"I have a lovely memory of the Eskimo mothers dressed in exquisite white sink parkas nursing their babies unabashedly in the middle of our show," he says. "I liked watching them because they were so much at home in their harsh environment. And I was interested to find that the Eskimos, like the Jews, have a tradition of earthy humor based on survival."

Rozen, now married to a former actress named Susan and the father of three children, Rachel, Ariel and Casey, says he treasures Jewish family life.

And he is immensely proud of his craftsmanship when conveying the humor of a situation.

He worships silent screen comedians like Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and Stan Laurel ("the slapstick boys, all expert in mime"). And he idolizes Charlie Chaplin ("his love for humanity, in the Jewish tradition, shines through his buffoonery").

Like Laurence Olivier, he says he'd like to be known as a "modern vaudevillean who can also plumb the depths of tragedy."

What's the foundation of his own comic artistry?

"That's easy," he says. "The secret is to conceal the sweat and make it all seem easy."

Robert Rozen

Novel a cry from the heart

Signoret asserts Jewish identity

Adieu Volodya, by Simone Signoret. Random House, $30.50.

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Internationally acclaimed as an actress, Simone Signoret was also a tireless social activist. Concerned with the rights of oppressed men and women everywhere — especially in the Soviet Union — she appeared at numerous meetings and demonstrations and signed innumerable petitions. She was in great demand as spokesperson against political and social reaction. Her concern and interest were genuine, her warmth of personality contagious and her sparkling personality a constant inspiration.

Born in Germany as Simone Kaminker (she later changed her name to escape the detection of the Nazis in Paris) she emigrated when very young to France. Her father was a Russian Jew who had served in the French army occupation in Germany.

Married to Yves Montand, famous French actor and singer, she joined him in his political leanings and became a Communist party "fellow traveler." After a visit to the Soviet Union she became disillusioned and fought increasingly against the inhumane behavior of a ruthless police state.

Her memoir *"Nostalgia Isn't What It Used To Be"* was widely read and discussed as a valuable social and personal statement. Ill with cancer and on the verge of blindness, she finished this rich and monumental novel just before her death in 1985.

A best-seller in France, North American readers may not take so readily to a complicated story that involves the lives and fortunes of several Russian emigre families in Paris between the wars.

The author, in her eagerness to include everything — from pogroms in czarist Russia to the rise of Hitler, from the growth and development of the French movie industry to the reaction of various types of Jews to their identity — has overpopulated her novel with both characters and events.

Early in the book a young Jewish watchmaker residing in Paris assassinates Hetman Petliura, murderer of thousands of Jews and at one time president of the Ukraine. This event serves as an historic peg upon which the author hangs much of her involved story.

When Volodya, a cousin of some of the main characters, is brought to France to testify at the trial of Schwarzbard who killed Petliura, he is accompanied by Soviet guards who permit him only a few moments of meeting with his relatives. Eventually he dies in a Soviet gulag camp.

The lives of the Guttman and Roginski families over two generations is rich with incident and poignant vignettes, set against a background of growing menace and horror as war looms.

In *"Adieu Volodya"* Signoret asserts her Jewish identity as well as her concern for the rights of the downtrodden everywhere. This is not a polished novel by a professional writer, but a deeply felt cry from the heart that remains with the reader long after more skillfully crafted books have been forgotten.

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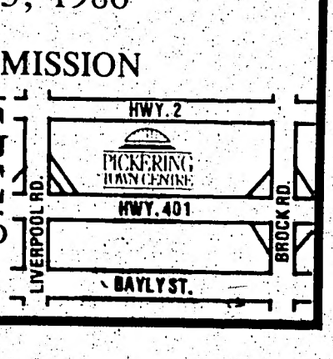

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Great Gathering to honor TSO's Walter Homburger

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By RICK KARDONNE

A superstar concert billed as The Great Gathering, will take place at Roy Thomson Hall at 8.30 p.m., March 9 as a tribute to Walter Homburger, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's managing director, whose 25-year term concludes at the end of this current season.

And a great gathering it will be because featured with the TSO in one concert are Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zukerman, Mstislav Rostropovich, Victor Borge, Seiji Ozawa, Jean-Pierre Rampal, Maureen Forrester, Andrew Davis, Murray Perahia, Yo Yo Ma, Victor Feldbrill, Louis Lortie, and Elmer Iseler with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir.

The tribute is a measure of the top international recognition Homburger has received as a result of his long career as manager, impressario and discoverer of new classical talents.

Born in Germany in 1924, Homburger came to Canada in 1941, fleeing the Nazis. In January, 1947, he established the International Artists Concert Agency which for 25 years was responsible for bringing the great artists of the day including Artur Rubinstein, Vladimir Horowitz and Itzhak Perlman to perform in Toronto.

He became the only manager of Glenn Gould and helped to shape the careers of such outstanding artists as Jan Rubes and Louis Lortie.

In 1951, Homburger became the first manager of the National Ballet. Between 1955 and 1961 he co-produced several touring projects with the late Herman Geiger-Torel. And in January, 1962, he succeeded Jack Elton as Toronto Symphony managing director.

In June 1984 Homburger was appointed a member of the Order of Canada, and became the fifth winner of the American Symphony Orchestra League Louis Sudler Award for "distinguished service in symphony orchestra management."

Walter Homburger

This tribute in March will be a fund raiser for the Toronto Symphony, and ticket prices, in view of the lineup, will be correspondingly high.

From a budget of $450,000 in 1962, the TSO's current budget is $11 million, and its subscription list of nearly 40,000 is the largest in North America. However, orchestras in much smaller cities such as Pittsburgh have a budget of $30 million.

While the TSO's reputation now places it in the ranks of North America's top 10, the board of directors feel that a higher budget is necessary to attract the best personnel to the TSO and to continue to extensively tour.

Although many of the best personnel greatly like Toronto as a city and admire its superior cultural atmosphere, it is felt that salaries must be kept more competitive with other equivalent orchestras in light of considerably higher housing costs in Toronto than in many other cities.

The gala is regarded as a beginning step towards meeting these higher costs.

For further information about The Great Gathering, call 593-7769.

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Dagmar Krauss, considered by many to be the successor to Lotte Lenya as the authoritative interpreter of such Kurt Weill-Berthold Brecht operettas as Threepenny Opera and Mahogany, is currently performing this week at the Rivoli at 334 Queen St. W. This is her first North American appearance. For more details, call the Rivoli at 596-1908.

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Oboist Lawrence Cherney, initial founder of the York Winds and music director of the summer Sharon Festival, will appear as part of an oboe trio with percussion at the Art Gallery of Ontario opening concert at 3 p.m., Oct. 26. Admission is free with entrance to the Gallery on Dundas St. W.

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Pianist Boris Zarankin launches the Royal Conservatory Centennial Series with a solo recital at the Royal Conservatory Concert Hall at 8 p.m., Oct. 31. For further information, call 978-3771 or 978-5470.

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The Amadeus Ensemble, under the direction of Moshe Hammer, will feature Moshe Hammer on violin and Joel Quarrington on bass during its opening concert Oct. 26 at the Edward Johnson Building's Walter Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (please note change to Standard Time that day). For details, call 484-6634.

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Arts

Marvelous monologues, wonderful characters

1-person dramas deserve attention

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A 1-man or a 1-woman drama show is probably the most difficult of all genres in the theatre to pull off successfully.

Thus far this season there has been one resounding flop and one dazzling hit by fine actors audacious enough to attempt solo performances.

Martha Henry failed to make it work because Samuel Beckett's *Happy Days* is so maddeningly incomprehensible.

Eric Peterson has succeeded in his revival of last season's *The Double Bass* because playwright Patrick Suskind wrought for him such a fascinating character study of an egomaniacal musician.

Now we have two 1-person shows that opened recently and are worthwhile seeing. They're neither hits nor flops and the characters they portray are outrageously bigger than life and their language sometimes veers into rhetoric.

Nevertheless, both merit your attention, because their monologues are so marvelously literate and their characters so wonderfully alive.

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By Grand Central Station I Sat Down And Wept (playing until Oct. 26 at Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Ave., 363-2416) is a dramatization of a novel by Ottawa-born writer Elizabeth Smart, which was widely acclaimed as a masterpiece of lyrical prose.

The 90-minute stage adaptation is based loosely on the novelist's passionate love affair with the British poet, George Barker, with whom she had four children, before her recent death at the age of 72.

As dramatized by director Anne Anglin and actress Nancy Beatty, who plays the love-smitten novelist, she is portrayed as a blend of semi-mad but sensual Ophelia endowed with Thomas Wolfe's torrential gift for poetic language.

It's set in a dingy room in British Columbia, circa 1941; its main props a rattletrap typewriter, a moth-eaten sofa, a ratty carpet, and a wheezy phonograph that plays sentimental love ballads.

In recreating her doomed love affair, Beatty, a wild and windblown blonde, can be very funny. The satire is particularly hilarious when she depicts how the two lovers were detained at the Nevada-Arizona border and accused of crossing a state boundary for the purpose of fornication.

She utterly befuddles the highly righteous state trooper ("I'm a family man and a good Rotarian") by answering his lecherous questions with quotations from the biblical Song Of Songs.

But most of the monologue is given over to vivid poetic images. After their sensual love-making ("Our bones groaned like old trees"), she walks out of the woods exhilarated ("with pine needles in my hair for a bridal wreath").

To demonstrate her rapture and her agony, she dances on a table, turns somersaults, grinds her pelvis on the floor, tosses chairs about, stuffs a rolled-up shirt into her skirt to suggest pregnancy, and wails out a geyser of anguish.

At times, the language is too wild and inchoate and overwrought, but the performance remains an exciting tour-de-force of acting.

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Buchanan (playing until Nov. 2 at the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkley St., 368-2856) is a powerful drama about the mystique of medicine written by an immensely gifted, 26-year-old Canadian actor-playwright, Paul Gross.

Although it includes a cast of several other fine actors in subsidiary roles, it remains essentially a 1-man show.

Its protagonist is a 62-year-old heart surgeon in the twilight of his career named Garner Buchanan. As depicted splendidly by the gray-bearded, piercing-eyed actor Michael Hogan, he is vain about the skill of his surgical hands and arrogant about his god-like role as a healer in the operating room.

Gross has given him poetic soliloquies to declaim in the mythic, larger-than-life style of ancient Greek drama. But in the classic Greek tradition, his *hubris* (mortal pride) is punished by the gods.

The play's dramatic conflict springs from the clash between the vainglorious surgeon and his repressed doctor son who has lived in his father's shadow.

In the end, Buchanan dies on the operating table under the surgical hands of his son, leaving unresolved their ultimate ethical struggle between the life-giving healer and the compassionate administrator of euthanasia.

It's drama on an epic scale, with language sometimes overblown and pompously lofty. But it, too, represents tour-de-force acting in the grand manner, and also makes for thrilling theatre.

Nancy Beatty delivers in a tour-de-force performance as a sensual novelist in By Grand Central Station I Sat Down And Wept, by Canadian novelist Elizabeth Smart.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

NEW YORK —

There will be more cruise ships operating from here and the Miami area to Caribbean and Latin American destinations this winter than ever before. Cruise vacations have become an important part of the North American scene for those fortunate enough to be able to take winter holidays or who can escape the cold of winter.

For example, Royal Caribbean Line will again include air fare from your home city to the cruise terminal in its fare. This includes Canadian cities — Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg — on week-long cruises, and also includes air fare on 10- to 14-day cruises for residents of these cities and Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver and Victoria.

Holland America Lines offers discounts of $300 per couple to Canadians who book before Nov. 15 for week-long cruises in the Caribbean on its new ship Noordam from Fort Lauderdale, and accepts Canadian dollars at par.

One of the more extensive tours will leave Port Everglades, Fla., on Jan. 8 on the Holland America Line's Rotterdam for Barbados, Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian ports, Montevideo in Uruguay, Falkland Islands, Punta Arenas in the southermost part of Argentina, the Strait of Magellan to Valparaiso, Chile, and Lima, Peru.

Another offbeat South America cruise on the Ocean Princess is on the year-end from San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Dec. 17 to various Caribbean islands, Devil's Island in French Guyana, Belem on the north coast of Brazil, up the Amazon River for 1,000 miles to Manaus, the former capital of the rubber industry. The ship leaves Manaus on Dec. 28 on the return voyage.

There are 14 different cruise lines operating ships in the Caribbean and Latin American areas, most from east ports. But from Pacific coast ports as Vancouver and Los Angeles there are also cruises to the Panama Canal, South America cities and the Caribbean.

For instance, ships of Carnival Cruise lines, Epirotiki (Greek) Lines and Western Cruise Lines have cruises out of Los Angeles for destinations on the Mexican coast. Epirotiki Lines' cruise ship Jason will make a number of South American cruises, including on Nov. 25 from Guayaquil, Ecuador, northward to the Galapagos Islands, Panama Canal, Paramaribo in Suriname, Belem and other northern Brazilian cities to Salvador da Bahia, the one-time colonial capital of Brazil.

There are weekly sailings for Caribbean islands from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Port Everglades, San Juan in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, St. Petersburg and Tampa on the Florida west coast. These are mostly week-long sailings with stops at different islands each day. Also available are longer cruises, most up to 14 days.

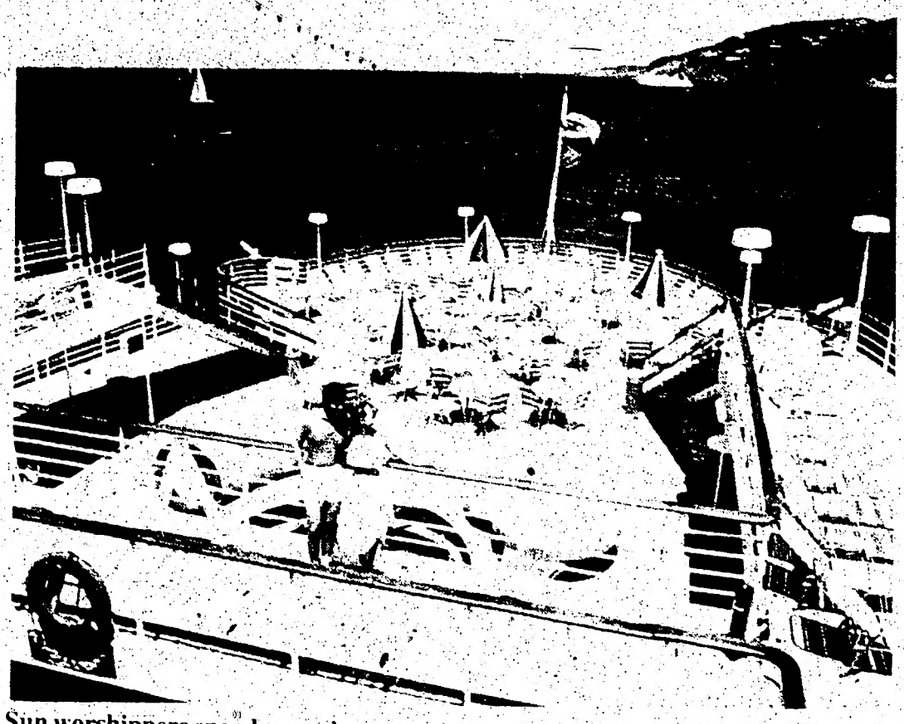
For more exotic cruises there are several others scheduled (your travel agent may have late data) to such out-of-the-way places as the Orinoco River in Suriname, and some which cross the Atlantic from Barbados to South America, then eastward to African port of Dakar, then northward via the Canary Islands to Gibraltar and Spain, touching at four continents.

There is certainly ample variety.

Cruises have the advantage that you don't have to pack and unpack to stay in different hotels at the various destinations, also most of your meals are included in the original cost, and on most cruise ships you have all the amenities of small cities on board, including shops for almost everything except fresh food.

There are ample facilities to keep you busy or you can laze away the entire time in a deck chair reading or sunning yourself during daylight hours.

Most cruise ships today have swimming pools, gymnasium, deck tennis facilities, first-run movies, newspapers which keep you up-to-date on world news, entertainment from show business to that provided by the passengers themselves, gambling from slot machines to casino games, medical facilities if needed, radio-telephone to keep you in touch with home if necessary, and bars for duty-free liquor throughout each ship's upper decks.



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Swim with dolphins in Florida Keys

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

GRASSY KEY, Fla. Keys — If you're looking for something *completely* different when you're in the Florida Keys, you need go no farther than the Dolphin Research Center.

I stopped there one morning and, much to my delight, found that it is much more than an academic institution.

The mandate of the non-profit DRC is to study the behavior of the dophin, a highly intelligent mammal capable of learning human commands.

In order to carry out its projects, the DRC has introduced a new attraction that has become an instant hit in these parts — an encounter of the first kind with dolphins.

To participate, you have to be a strong swimmer and be endowed with enough curiosity to overcome your initial fear of being with dolphins in their natural habitat.

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Since I am a poor swimmer, I decline the invitation. But the others in my group of five plunge in, notwithstanding some trepidation.

They swim around for a while, warming up, and then Linda Erb, the trainer, calls the creatures of the deep.

Like good soldiers obeying their commanding officer, the dolphins cooperate beautifully. As one dolphin comes by from the depths of the pen, blasted out of coral rock in the Gulf of Mexico, a swimmer grabs its dorsal fins with two hands and is treated to a free ride lasting several seconds.

Watching from the pier, I can clearly see that the swimmers are having a great time.

This goes on for about 15 minutes, until Ms. Erb decides that the dolphins, which range in age from practically newborn to about 35, have had enough.

The swimmers, dripping wet, climb onto the pier with enormous smiles on their faces, unanimously agreeing that this has been a unique experience for them.

I ask Ms. Erb if anyone has ever been hurt during an encounter. Dolphins, she explains, are gentle animals with animus toward none.

The DRC was established in 1958 under the name of Santini's Porpoise School. Milton Santini, the proprietor, was a renowned trainer and one of his graduates, Mitzi, appeared in the movie *Flipper*.

In 1971, Santini sold his business and it became known as Flipper's Sea School. It, it turn, was sold and emerged as the Institute for Delphinid Research. Two years ago, it was renamed the Dolphin Research Center.

Air Canada to add Dominican Republic

TORONTO — Air Canada is adding the Dominican Republic to its regular Caribbean destinations.

Beginning Dec. 14, the airline will offer scheduled service twice a week to the republic's capital of Santo Domingo and to the resort city of Puerto Plata, with flights originating from Montreal on Sundays and from Toronto on Mondays.

Santo Domingo is located on the Caribbean Sea on the southern coastline of the country, while Puerto Plata, to the north, faces the Atlantic Ocean. Air Canada's weekly Sunday flight out of Montreal, being inaugurated Dec. 14, will leave Mirabel airport at 0850, reach Santo Domingo at 1345, and then proceed northward to Puerto Plata, where it will land at 1555.

Still on Sunday, the flight will then take off from Puerto Plata at 1655 and head directly for Montreal, arriving at 1950.

The weekly service out of Toronto will start on Monday, Dec. 22. The flight will depart at 11, arriving at Puerto Plata at 1540 and at Santo Domingo at 1710. It will head for Toronto at 1840, landing at Pearson International Airport at 2135.

All flights, whether they originate in Montreal or Toronto, will be designated as AC flight 968 and will be operated with wide-body aircraft. Out of Montreal, Air Canada will use a Lockheed 1011-100 (TriStar), with a capacity of 306 passengers, while a 496-passenger Boeing 747 will fly the route from Toronto.

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Travel

Seek refuge from the cold in sunny, affordable Israel

By
LORI SMITH

TORONTO — Israel is an affordable sun destination for Canadians seeking refuge from the cold this winter.

Shalom Even, owner of Shalom Tours Enterprises Canada Ltd., and operator of Shalom-K Tours, explains that in terms of cost Israel is a competitive resort destination for Canadians this year.

"Israel has lots of sun and four seas — the Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee, the Red Sea and the Dead Sea. And from Nov. 15 to March it is the low season for tourists in Israel, so hotel rates and air fares are lower. But, in other sun destinations it is the high season."

He adds that the 10-to-11-hour flight to Israel is worthwhile because the country offers culture, religion and history along with the sun.

This season, Even, whose company specializes in trips to Israel, is offering a number of competitively priced travel packages.

This Winter In Israel is a deluxe, 2-week package priced at $1,595 (Cdn.) per person based on double occupancy. It includes return airfare Toronto/Tel Aviv with El Al, six nights accommodation at the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv, seven nights at the Laromme Plaza in Jerusalem, Israeli buffet-style breakfast daily, taxes and service charges for hotel accommodation and transfer on arrival including meeting and assistance at the airport. In addition, extensions of up to two months are available upon request.

Even says that the This Winter in Israel trip is $200 to $300 cheaper than a similar package to Miami.

Another tour, which is aimed at but not exclusively for senior citizens, is The Best of Israel package. This tour, which costs $1,850 (Cdn.) per person, includes return airfare Toronto-Tel Aviv with El Al, five nights accommodation at the Hilton Hotel Tel Aviv, two nights at a kibbutz guest house and six nights at the Laromme Plaza in Jerusalem; four dinners (two Shabbat and two at the kibbutz); eight days touring by private motorcoach with an English-speaking guide and a boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee.

Tours offered for groups

The package also includes transfers, taxes and service charge for hotel accommodation, porterage at airport and hotels and entrance fees on touring days. And Even explains that a Canadian tour host accompanies the group.

Another package, which excludes airfare, is available for $695 (U.S.) per person based on double occupancy. It includes 13 nights accommodation at 5-star deluxe hotels, Israeli buffet-style breakfast daily, eight days of touring and transfer, porterage, taxes and service charges for hotels, entrance fees and more.

Even says that he also runs a number of tours for groups across Canada who are interested in visiting Israel. And he explains that it is Shalom Tour's policy to send the group at the agreed upon price regardless of how many people are involved.

"Even if there are only seven or eight people we will work something out so they can go."

He also claims that a fear of terrorism and the politics of the area have not resulted in a decrease in the number of people traveling to Israel. In fact, the number of travelers has remained steady.

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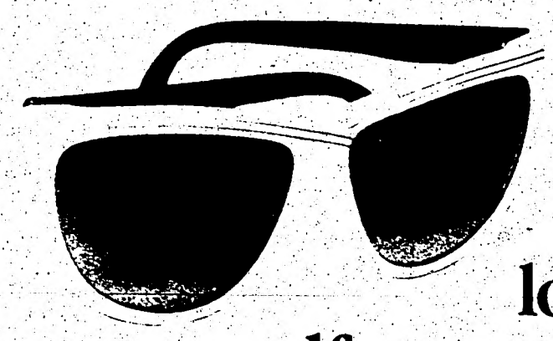

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Business Outlook

Essay competition brings scholarships

U of T student wins entrepreneurship award

TORONTO —

Jeffrey Mark Abrams has won the 1986 Schulich Award for Entrepreneurship for Toronto from Junior Achievement of Canada, the organization recently announced.

Abrams received the $1,500 scholarships for an essay competition, participation in Junior Achievement, scholastic ability and other indications of leadership, college and career potential.

The theme of the essay addressed by the award winners (there were six in total), was: As an entrepreneur, how can you make a difference in our society?

Abrams, who entered his first year at the University of Toronto this year with the intention of gaining degrees in business and international law, wrote that society would benefit if more people became entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurs create jobs, he stated, which leads to decreases in unemployment, social benefit payments, the national deficit and taxes.

And this would be followed by greater incentive for investment and an enhanced standard of living, he argued.

In JA, Abrams was president of BBC, manufacturers of acrylic key chains and bead necklaces. His counseling firm was PPG Canada Inc.

From 1984-1985, he was involved with CBB, a company counseled by the Bank of Montreal. It produced bulletin boards.

Abrams, who consistently received awards for scholarship and citizenship throughout his years at York Mills Collegiate Institute, was active in other aspects of school life. He also performed volunteer work including some for the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry.

Jeffrey Abrams

The Schulich award was established in 1985 by Seymour Schulich, vice-president and secretary, Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd., investment counselors in Toronto.

Schulich gave an $85,000 endowment to JA of Canada to provide six $1,500 annual scholarships on a regional basis for Achievers entering first year university or college.

He did so to encourage the development of entrepreneurship in Canada, the organization states through a release.

Junior Achievement is an international non-profit business and economics organization that works to instill the spirit of free enterprise in high school students through hands-on experience.

CSB issues coming due

OTTAWA —

If you're a regular buyer of Canada Savings Bonds, there's a good chance you'll be coming into some extra money this fall.

Two Canada Savings Bond issues are coming due at that time — worth more than $2.3 billion in principal alone.

The issues are Series 32 (issued in 1977) and Series 34 (issued in 1979), which mature on Nov. 1. If you hold any of these bonds, you should note they will no longer earn interest after that date.

On Nov. 1, a $100 Compound Interest Bond of Series 32 will be worth $269.93 and a $100 Compound Interest Bond of Series 34, $233.99.

There is about $200 million worth of Canada Savings Bonds that have matured but haven't been cashed in yet. These can be redeemed for cash at any time, regardless of when they matured.

"In fact," said Ted King, a spokesman for the CSB Payroll Savings Plan Organization, "because bonds don't earn interest after they mature, investors should make it a regular practice to check their safety deposit boxes every year to review their CSB holdings. A list should be drawn up, containing the serial number of each bond and its maturity date.

This will ensure that all bonds are redeemed when they come due and the funds reinvested to provide a continuing return for the investor.

"This is particularly important for CSB holders who wish to reinvest the proceeds in this year's bonds. With new CSBs on sale for only a brief period in late October and early November, this transaction should be completed as soon as possible after Nov. 1," King said.

As an investment dealer, he can recall a number of instances where CSB holders failed to cash in their bonds on Nov. 1 and were disappointed to find that the new issue was no longer on sale when they got around to redeeming them a few weeks later.

Canada Savings Bonds can be purchased for cash wherever you bank or invest or on instalments on the Payroll Savings Plan where you work.

Correction

The telephone number for Silkscaping Ltd., which imports and distributes silk trees, is 477-8733.

In a recent feature on this Toronto-based service, an error was made in the number.

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Business Outlook

UJA sets sights on businessmen

TORONTO —

Jewish businessmen in Metro Toronto will "Get Down to Business" Oct. 29-30, when the United Jewish Appeal will canvass them for their 1987 pledges.

Those two days have been set aside in the UJA calendar as the time for a telethon-like blitz, where the newly created Business and Profession Services Division will canvass its own for contributions towards the UJA campaingn. UJA organizers say the canvassers will be asking for a 20% increase in each donor's contribution.

Prior to hitting the phone lines, about 250-300 can-

Issy Sharp

Paul Morton

Avie Bennett

vassers will be treated to informative discussions on various aspects of business from three prominent entrepreneurs.

Avie Bennett, board chairman and president of McClelland and Stewart Publishing Company, Canada's largest publishing house, will kick off the program on Oct. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Later that day, Paul Morton, president and chief executive officer of the Global Television Network, will address the canvassers, while at a luncheon meeting on the 30th, Issy Sharp, founder, president and chief executive officer of the Four Seasons Hotel Group, will speak. Sharp is responsible for the annual Run for Life fund raiser for cancer research, honoring Terry Fox.

The Getting Down to Business theme was devised by UJA special events chairman Marty Goldberg, while chairmen for the event itself are Harvey Rosen and Gella Rothstein.

UJA campaign co-chairmen are Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman.

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Kravetsky family keeps on truckin'

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Next time you're driving down the 401 and spot a twin-trailer rig hauling 80,000 lbs. of freight to market in Toronto, think of the Kravetsky family.

Why the Kravetskys? Because, chances are the "puptainer" you see on the highway hauling spuds, or ingots or paper products belongs to Imperial Roadways, the Kravetsky family business.

It was 25 years ago that the Kravetskys decided to take a (relatively) small Winnipeg-based business "in dire financial straits," and try to turn it around to make it a going concern, says Marvin Kravetsky.

Looking back on their reclamation project 25 years later, Marvin, and his brothers Phi, Cecil, Wilfred and Alvin might justifiably give each other a hearty pat on the back for a job well done.

They've managed to take a $500,000 business "on the verge of bankruptcy," and turn it into a $50 million going concern.

How did they do it? By offering their customers "personalized service and accessibility," says Marvin K., the vice-president, chief executive officer and principal operating partner of the firm.

"Nowadays, it's a supermarket approach (in the business)," says Marvin. "We offer a supermarket in services with a corner store friendliness."

Kravetsky says the family itself can't take all the credit. He's quick to point to the "good people who work for us" who provide that friendly service.

The service on the road he's talking about is provided by 175 tractors pulling more than 1,100 trailers across Canadian highways. That fleet makes Imperial a "medium-sized" trucker in Canada, he says.

Imperial's trucks "move general merchandise" across Canada — foodstuffs from Toronto to Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver; iron and steel to the same destinations; and paper products, metal ingots and a host of other products.

Imperial developed the puptainer — a 28-ft. trailer that can pull loads of up to 50,000 lbs. Hook up two of them behind a cab and you've got a lot of merchandise pounding the pavement going West. Government regulations limit the total load to a maximum of 80,000 lbs. between Ontario and Manitoba, Kravetsky says.

Manitoba is where it all got started for the Kravetskys. Although Marvin is now in Toronto and Cecil in Montreal, brothers Phil and Wilfred are still in the Peg, as are a number of the others from the large Kravetsky clan. "I come from a family of 12 (brothers and sisters) of whom 10 are still alive," Marvin says.

Marvin and his brother Alvin started working back in their teens at their brother Hy's drugstore — West Kildonan Pharmacy — on Main and Seven Oaks in Winnipeg's north end.

But Marvin decided pharmacy wasn't for him and when the family got into the trucking-warehouse business, Marvin "fell in love" with the trucking business.

He moved to Toronto 30 years ago, and when the family bought Imperial five years later, he was on hand to see to its expansion in the East.

The company has expanded recently into the northeastern United States, and it "expects a gradual qualitative growth pattern there," he says.

It may be the company's way of fighting back the "predatory" practices of American truckers who are trying to make inroads to the Canadian market in the wake of government decisions to deregulate the business.

After years of successful business, Imperial is determined not to succumb to the Americans.

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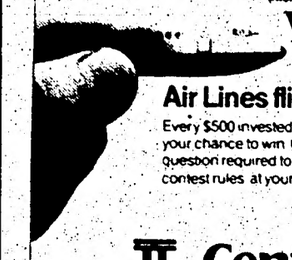

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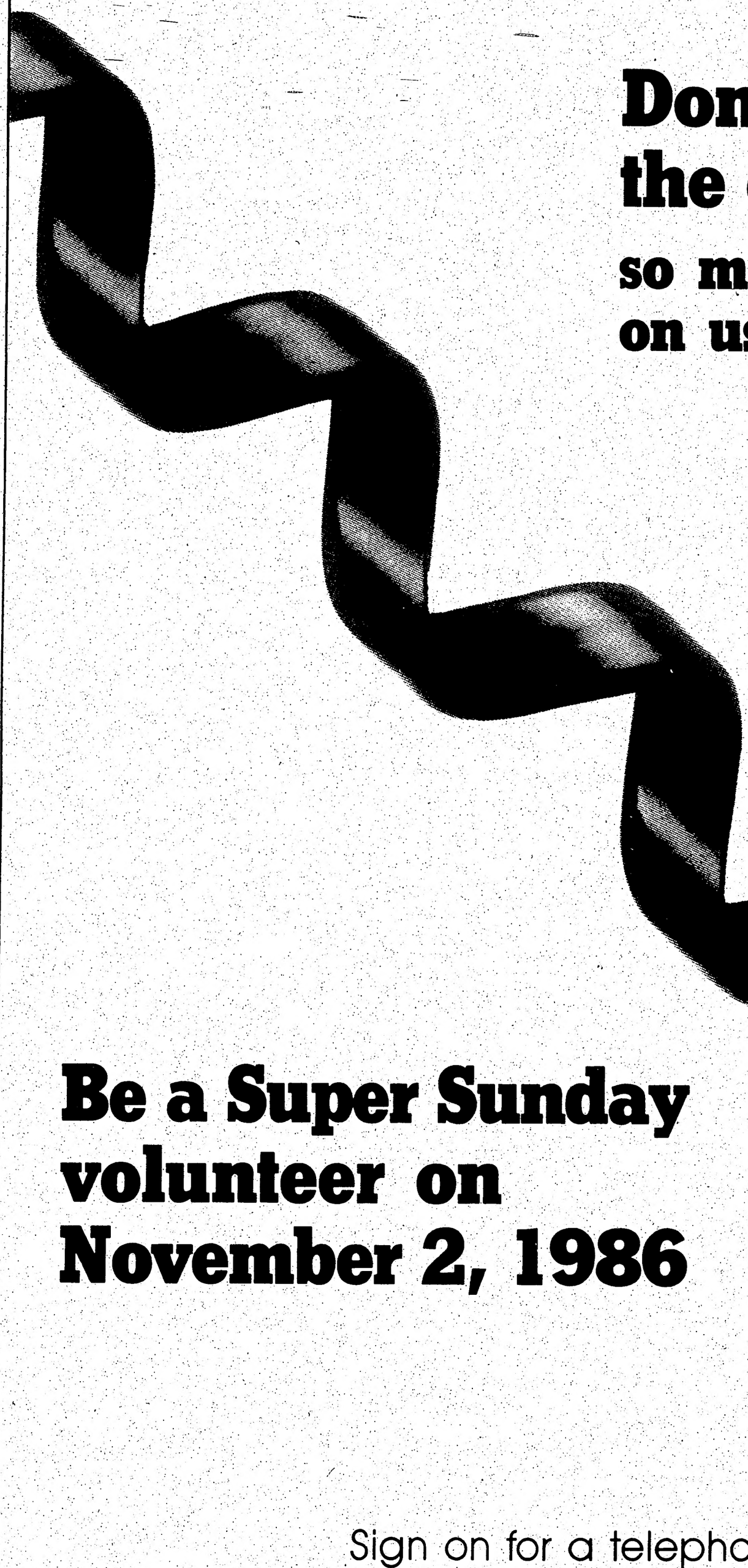

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Soviet Jewry: Faith and Defiance

by Henry H. Weinberg

FOR almost seventy years, or more than three generations, the Soviet regime has been enforcing, through a massive educational campaign, emprisonment and deportations, its state doctrine of atheism. The policy of eradicating any religious belief distinguishes the Soviet dictatorship from most other authoritarian regimes in modern history. One of Russia's most imposing cathedrals, the "Kazansky Sober" on Leningrad's majestic Nevsky Prospect, has been converted into a "Museum of Atheism". Its primary aim is to inculcate in the young minds of the thousands of "Pioneers" visiting it daily, the notion that religion is a base means of exploitation — what Lenin called, "the opium of the masses". Every school in the USSR is required to include in its curriculum lessons on the virtues of atheism. Denigration of religious sentiment is programmed into the activities of youth organizations each Soviet youngster is required to join. Youri Gagarin, the first astronaut to circle the earth devoted a segment of his address from space to a denial of G.d's existence.

While this hostile stance toward religion applies to all faiths and denominations, the Jewish religion has been singled out for particularly harsh criticism, especially since the beginning of the intensive anti-Zionist campaign in the late 1960s. The Soviet state has sponsored the publication of numerous books and pamphlets "demonstrating" that the Jewish religion represented the embodiment of all evil and that the Talmud and the Halacha were in fact a compendium of racism and dishonesty. In the words of Robert Wistrich, in the Soviet version of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", Judaism is perceived as an ideological-religious mask for Jewish lust for power and desire for world domination. A well-known Soviet propagandist wrote that Zionist "gangsterism" had its "ideological roots in the scrolls of the 'holy' Torah and the precepts of the Talmud."

Relatively litle is known in the West about the plight and the heroism of the Refuseniks, those Soviet Jews who after being refused an exit visa find themselves in limbo, deprived of their professional base and relegated to a life of poverty, discrimination and intimidation. Much less, however, has been written about the recent phenomenon of return to religious observance among hundreds of Refusenik families across Soviet Union under circumstances harsher, perhaps, than those endured by the Marranos. To those familiar with the history of Russian Jewry since the 1918 Revolution, and the Soviets' early persecution of religious Jews by such state organisms as the "Yevsektsia", the new religious awakening among young Russian Jews must rank as one of the most poignant and miraculous developments of our time.

Assimilated Jews Now Striving to Observe Halacha

In a remarkable twist of irony, in a society that has been actively suppressing religious practice for seventy years, Jews from completely assimilated families are striving today to observe Halachic laws. During our recent visit to several cities in the USSR, my wife and I witnessed devotion to religious observance among young people who often represented the fourth generation descendants of ancestors who had been fervently devoted to Communist ideals. The Russian Jews who turn to religion today risk losing the small income they manage to earn in menial posts in attempting to observe the Sabbath and Kashrut; they expose themselves to severe punishment for keeping children out of school on Saturday (a normal school day in the Soviet Union). Keeping dietary laws in a country where Kosher food is unavailable and where Kosher meat can be bought only on rare occasions, and the cost of a day's wages per kilogram, represents a tremendous sacrifice. Moreover, some women travel thousands of miles every month, at great expense, to visit a ritual bathhouse. This extraordinary phenomenon is occuring in families which were only recently completely ignorant of Jewish customs and traditions. One *baalei teshuva* (newly observant) family we visited in Moscow exemplifies this new development.

We had just arrived in the Soviet capital and were immediately plunged into the atmosphere of an oppressive society. The lengthy, scrupulous search of our luggage at the airport, during which the discovery of a small Bible prompted the precipitous arrival of two senior customs officials; the prolonged examination of our documents by a hostile border policeman; the aura of overbearing state control imposed by the numerous propaganda billboards on the road into the city; the bureaucratic wranglings at the hotel; the suspicious Intourist clerks — all these did not bode well for our first meeting with a Refusenik family. As a result of this initial impression we conjured up in our minds an encounter with frightened, browbeaten and intimidated individuals, who could not possibly possess any significant awareness of Judaism, let alone knowledge of laws and traditions.

And yet, at our arrival at the apartment of the "L" family, a short distance from the Kremlin walls, we were greeted in Hebrew by a ten-year old boy, who we soon learned, had an impressive knowledge of the language and was even studying the Talmud! We also found out that little Moshe's great grandmother was a Communist revolutionary under the Tzar, and had, in the words of Moshe's mother, "smuggled bombs under her skirts" for the Bolsheviks. Only three years earlier this family represented a typical, "upper class", assimilated, Moscovite household, whose Jewish awareness was limited to the designation, "Jew", in their identity cards.

Jewish Values Replacing Communist Heritage

Today, the family's old Communist heritage has been replaced by Judaic values. Everyone is fervently engaged in studying Jewish history and traditional laws. Kashrut and the Sabbath are observed scrupulously, in proud defiance of the regime's stance on religion. Young Moshe does not attend school on Saturdays (we later learned that in some Refusenik families the children feign illness, in others they attend sporadically, while some parents brave severe punishment by telling school officials defiantly that their children are observant Jews), and his sixteen year-old sister, who already possesses an impressive knowledge of Judaic subjects, conducts "seminars" for other young women of her age. After seventy years of enforced atheism, under most trying circumstances, the great grand-children of Bolsheviks have returned home, to their Jewish roots, with a vengeance! At a Friday evening meal (which consisted of salads, sardines and home-baked Challah), in the small dilapidated quarters of this family, we were joined by eight other young *baalei teshuva* — engineers, doctors, and university students who were eager to learn about details of observance and, in the expectation of living there one day, about religious laws applicable to the land of Israel. Paradoxically, the 'spark' of religious Zionism is perhaps brighter today in Communist Russia than in many other Diasporas.

Another Moscow family faces a painful dilemma involving the potential loss of a meager income as result of its decision to become observant. A young music teacher told us that she has been given a new teaching schedule which involves working on the Sabbath, and wished to obtain a Halachic ruling on a way out of her predicament. Because her husband is involved in "secret" work, the family has practically no chance of leaving the Soviet Union, and this newly-observant family is fully aware of the odds it faces.

In response to an inquiry about their needs, a Riga engineer asked for a time clock that would help him to observe the Sabbath laws involving electricity, and a Leningrad pediatrician wanted a recipe for making Kosher cheese. A former engineer in Leningrad is in-

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Editor's Notebook

Our two previous issues focused, in the main, on specific questions that we thought deserved close scrutiny. By contrast, this issue offers a "tour d'horizon" of a wide range of subjects which emphasize once again the diversity of interests encompassed in the Jewish experience.

Professor Henry Weinberg visited the USSR this past summer. He relates his discovery of a new phenomenon among the younger Russian Jews: a revival of interest in their Jewish heritage, not only among the Refuseniks who are trying unsuccessfully to emigrate, but also among Jews who are not planning to emigrate. These Jews, mind you, are often the third generation of completely secular Jews, with heretofore no knowledge whatever of what Judaism means. The old adage: What the son wishes to forget, the grandson (and perhaps the great-grandson) wishes to remember, is demonstrating its truth once again. Whatever the answer, Weinberg found his experience among them to be heart-warming and encouraging.

Irving Abella shares his profound knowledge of Canadian Jewry in his article "State of the Jews". He presents a lucid and balanced analysis which includes both good news and bad news about our current situation in the Canadian spectrum. He blends cautious optimism with a reminder that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

Abraham Rzepkowicz has sent us a most original and thought-provoking delineation of the latest findings in the science of astro-physics and draws a remarkable parallel between the results of these sophisticated discoveries about the origin of the universe, and the story of creation as outlined in the book of Genesis.

Rabbi Mendel Lewittes offers his analysis of the challenge posed to Orthodoxy by the drive for female equality which continues unabated in all areas of society. He brings to bear his knowledge of Jewish scholarship on this troubling issue, and by looking at our source material in a new perspective, offers a solution which he feels will, at least partially, accommodate the desires of Jewish feminists to play a more active role in synagogue ritual, without destroying the authority of Halakah.

Eugene Kaellis sends us from Victoria a concise and cogent analysis of the cultural realities that prevail in Canada and the serious challenges these realities pose to Jewish survival in our so-called open society. Despite all the verbiage about a multicultural Canada, his thesis is that our Canada is in reality permeated with Christian values and traditions which our children cannot help but absorb during their school years. He concludes with a clear-eyed and objective series of difficult choices which we must make if we wish to preserve our own Jewish heritage.

Aviva Ravel's story, "Christmas Decorations" is a true 'tour-de-force'. Through a child's perspective and vocabulary she relates a tragic experience which befalls an assimilated European family, when the Nazi horror strikes. Her story demonstrates once again the futility of Jews trying to assimilate into a Christian culture, in this case by celebrating Christmas with Christmas decorations that have "been in the family for generations".

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volved in supplying kosher meat to several dozen families on the city's "kosher meat list". Every few weeks he drives a Shohet, a young man who managed to learn the ritual slaughter laws, to the countryside, where they accomplish several feats. They buy a cow (not a usual transaction in the USSR), slaughter it and distribute it to families on the meat list. In spite of the difficulties involved, the young engineer radiated joy and a sense of fulfilment in relating the process of providing Kosher meat to fellow Jews. We also learned that a Leningrad computer programmer insists on wearing a Kippa at work and that some coworkers shield him from hostile colleagues, and occasionally even express veiled sympathy for his plight as a Refusenik. Evidently, the courage of the young Jews provokes admiration among some Russians in spite of the anti-Zionist and anti-semitic propaganda.

Various Roads Back to Judaism

After the Sabbath morning services in Leningrad's only functionning synagogue, we were approached by a group of young men who invited us for "Kiddush". Wary of provocateurs, we hesitated for a moment, but relying on instinct we accepted the invitation. In the apartment of "Sacha" we learned that everyone of the five young men in the group was in the process of "returning" and had reached different levels of competency in Hebrew. In fact, the five represented a spectrum, which is probably representative of the various stages in the quest for Jewish knowledge among a significant segment of Russian Jewry today. "Sacha", the host, had only a rudimentary reading knowledge of Hebrew but he had been attending Sabbath services for over a year and had surrounded himself with a variety of Jewish and Israeli objects in his apartment. His mother, highly outspoken in her criticism of the regime, regretted her son's interest in religion, which she feared would be an additional source of conflict with the authorities, but she nevertheless helped him to keep Kosher and to observe the Sabbath.

Another young man spoke excellent Hebrew and taught the language to small groups of friends. He also seemed well-versed in liturgy and religious practice. In contrast, "Micha", who had just finished his studies and obtained a part-time job as a physical education instructor, was just beginning to study Hebrew and to attend the synagogue. "Grisha", who wore a full beard and a long black coat had become a follower of Lubavitch in spite of several arrests and constant harrassment.

The personal itinerary back to Judaism of "Alexander" was the most interesting, and was perhaps representative of some in the "silent majority", those Jews who never applied for visas either for fear of retribution or for personal and family reasons. A scientist, with a sparkling intellect and a flawless command of English, "Alexander" told us from the start that he and his parents, loyal Communists, have no intention of leaving the USSR. However, two years ago he had developed a keen interest in things Jewish through the discovery, in a public library, of a Russian translation of Sholom Aleichem. This led to further readings about Jews and Judaism in encyclopedias and history books, and eventually to visits to the synagogue. At the time we met him, "Alexander" was already able to read the prayer book and was moving, in tentative steps toward observance. He was not yet certain of his religious commitment but considered knowledge of the laws and rituals as an essential part of Jewish phenomenology, and intended to adhere to some religious practices as a gesture of solidarity and symbolic loyalty.

Many Soviet Jews Returning to Judaism Without Emigrating

Very little is known about the lives, let alone the thoughts and aspirations, of the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who, if we are to believe the authorities, have no interest in leaving the country, or in seeking to express their ethnic particularism. During my visit to the Soviet Union I have been told, however, that even in families of Communist Party members, a substantial segment of the young has a positive attitude to Judaism. There undoubtedly exists a great curiosity about Judaism and some forms of "Marranism" are practiced.

Ironically, the authorities themselves are responsible for kindling some of the interest in Judaism. The massive propaganda waged against Zionism and its "evil sources", the Jewish religion, against the state of Israel — portrayed as a mighty military power supported by world Jewry, which controls the economy of the West — has at the very least, aroused intellectual curiosity about the Zionist "monster".

The pervasiveness of the anti-Zionist campaign comes as a shock even to the most knowledgeable visitor. In every airport lounge (we took six internal flights), in every hotel lobby, we encountered racks stacked with anti-Zionist pamphlets in English, French, German and even Arabic. Those Arabs who still need to be persuaded about the evils of Judaism and Zionism can get further instruction on the subject while visiting the enlightened homeland of brotherly Socialism. The Soviet Union is not only the prime disseminator of anti-Semitic material in the world today — through segments of the international left, its satellites, the various United Nations agencies and a powerful short-wave radio network — but the prominence of "anti-Zionist" material in locations frequented by visitors indicates that the rulers of the Kremlin are also trying to indoctrinate the millions of tourists who visit their country each year. One can assume that some Westerners first become aware of the "evils" of Zionism during a trip to the Soviet Union.

Defiance Against Soviet Antisemitism

In view of this enormous effort to deligitimize the Jewish people's chief enterprise in this century even the slightest empathy with Judaism appears as an act of defiance. yet, the signs of defiance are numerous, and they are expressed in different ways. For those who have not cut their links to Soviet society even attending a "Purim Shpiel" represents an act of courage. The typically Russian face of a medical student, who reveals that his mother is not Jewish, belies his true loyalties. Attending the now customary gathering in front of Moscow's synagogue on a Saturday afternoon, he listens to the discussion in one of the small groups and eventually dares to whisper in a visitor's ear accounts of anti-Semitism at the university. In Riga, a Refusenik couple insists on conversing loudly in Hebrew in a cab, whose driver appears highly suspicious of the foreigners they accompany to their hotel. And perhaps the most moving protest of all is that of an old man, who at the end of the services in the Leningrad synagogue, says, with tears in his eyes, "come to us often, do not forget us in this hell," and that of another old Jew, who is openly scornful of the government appointed "Rabbi", and still another, who at the end of the services, in a corner, in front of a few friends, gives a mini-sermon about the joy of celebrating "Yom Hoatzmaut" and makes veiled references to tiny Israel facing the Arabs and the Soviet Empire while discussing Rabbi Akiva's fight against mighty Rome.

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The State of the Jews: Canada, 1986

by Irving Abella

ONLY slowly have Canadian Jews emerged from the trauma of 1985. For an entire year it seemed as if our total attention was focussed on two court-rooms, one in Toronto, the other in Red Deer, Alberta. The trials of two hatemongers, Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra left us numbed and outraged. For many — too many — the year was a nightmare, — a hideous, bizarre replay of a searing, indescribable experience. Nightly, the horrors of the Holocaust were replayed on our television screens and in our newspapers; worse was the obscenity of those arguing that not only were there no horrors, there was no Holocaust. Our hearts went out to the survivors of the death camps, and especially to those in the court-room, who were put through a new and invidious torture, to prove that what happened to them really happened. They were compelled to show the world that events too horrible to be believed, were not too horrible to have happened.

Daily, these courageous men were castigated for their very survival. They were sullied, pilloried and insulted; but they stood fast, and in the end they triumphed. Indeed, all Canada triumphed over the forces of bigotry and darkness.

The trials had one salutary effect — they united us, Jew and non-Jew. There were many who questioned — and still do — the wisdom of a trial, who feared the consequences of giving a group of rabid anti-semites a platform. But once the trials began our divisions were put aside. Together we all saw the face of the enemy, and it was ugly and menacing. People capable of lying about the Holocaust are capable of anything. People so demented, so full of hate, cannot be dismissed lightly in the hope that they will go away. They won't, and we must maintain our unity and vigilance.

As Jews, indeed as Canadians, we rejoiced in the decisions of twelve ordinary citizens and two judges who where not swayed by the vilest sophistry and demagoguery ever heard in a Canadian court, and who saw Zundel, Keegstra and their henchmen for the racists and hatemongers they are. We rejoiced in a country which exacts penalties from those who spread calumnies, lies and slander. We rejoiced in the message of the courts: no more free rides for the hatemongers amongst us, for those who would defame, vex and harass, for those who would attempt to isolate a community — any community — and destroy it. Finally, we rejoiced in a legal system that says there are some opinions which are so far beyond the pale, that they must not be allowed into the free marketplace of ideas.

Media Failed Their Test of Fire

But if the judicial system passed its test of fire, the same cannot be said of the media. Our joy in the one was tempered by our sorrow in the other. Perhaps because of the nature of the story, during both trials, but especially that in Toronto, the media were overly concerned about being "fair" and therefore leaned over backwards to present the cases for the defence. It was classic "man bites dog" scenario. It is not news that the Nazis slaughtered six million Jews; it is news that they did not. It is not news that there *were* death camps; it is news that there were *none*. It is not news that there was a Holocaust; it is news that there wasn't.

Those headlines and news stories will long be seared in our memories: "No Gas Chambers in Auschwitz, Says Expert Witness"; "Holocaust a Zionist Conspiracy"; "Zundel a Courageous Man, Says Lawyer".

It is wrong, however, only to blame the media. We are all at fault, both in the Jewish community and outside, both within the academic community and without. We did not take the Holocaust denyers seriously, we did not challenge them head-on. The very obscenity and irrationality of their charges prompted us to underestimate their potential for evil. We have all been guilty of an egregious, though understandable, act of omission. The fault is in us all. We did not react to the big lie with the necessary vigour. Our silence was mistaken for acquiescence.

But we must commit ourselves to the task at hand. Those who control the past, George Orwell warned us, control the future, and those who distort Jewish history, and deny the Holocaust, create the conditions for the denial of Jewish existence.

A generation ago the world was divided into two parts — those places like Germany, where Jews could not live and those, like our Canada, where they could not enter. Fifty years ago the world was put to the test of civilization and failed ignominiously. It was the Nazis who actually murdered the Jews, but those murders were made possible because so many countries turned their backs. No nation opened its doors to the Jews before, during or even immediately after the war. We were on our own.

New Antisemitism of The '80s

We live in a far different society today; yet again, in a largely indifferent world Jews struggle for their very existence. Both our future and our past are questioned. There are those who would deny us our future by undermining the State of Israel and by equating Zionism with racism. And there are those who would deny us our past by denying the Holocaust. And in the Zundels and Keegstras of the world these two streams merge. The Jews, they say, have no future because they have no past. This is the new invidious anti-semitism of the 1980s.

But in Canada it is not only the Zundels and Keegstras we have to worry about. They are cranks, boils on the body politic. It is the body that should be our major concern. As the two trials made clear, boils can be lanced, their poison drained off. But anti-semitism in this country has never been the sole preserve of the 'Kooks'; it has always been part of the mainstream of the culture, never very far below the surface.

Think back to the 1930s and '40s when Jews were almost universally excluded from Canadian society. For Canadian Jews in those years, quotas and restrictions were a way of life. Banks, insurance companies, and most large industrial and financial concerns did not hire Jews. Department stores did, but would not allow them to serve customers; most were in the stockrooms or factories supplying these stores. Throughout most of this period Jewish doctors could not get hospital appointments. And when one did — Samuel Rabinovitch who was hired as an intern in a Catholic hospital in Montréal in the 1930s — his fellow interns went out on strike in protest. Not only did universities and professional schools devise quotas against Jewish students, they did not hire Jewish faculty. In the 1920s and '30s there was not one full-time Jewish university professor in this entire country. As well, restrictive covenants were put on various properties preventing them from being sold to Jews. Many apartments, hotels, resorts and beaches were "restricted." And of course, Canada had by far the worst record of any Western nation in providing sanctuary to Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi terror. It is no wonder that our greatest export to the United States were the thousands of young, talented Jewish men and women who found the doors of opportunity in their own country closed to them.

Obviously this is a far different country now. Through sheer force of merit Jews, with the help of their allies, have pushed open the closed doors with a vengeance. There is now scarcely an area of Canadian society in which Jews are not prominent. Yet there are, understandably, many who resent how far — and especially how quickly — Canadian Jews have come in such a short space of time. That is why the trials in Toronto and Red Deer were so profoundly important — and so potentially troublesome.

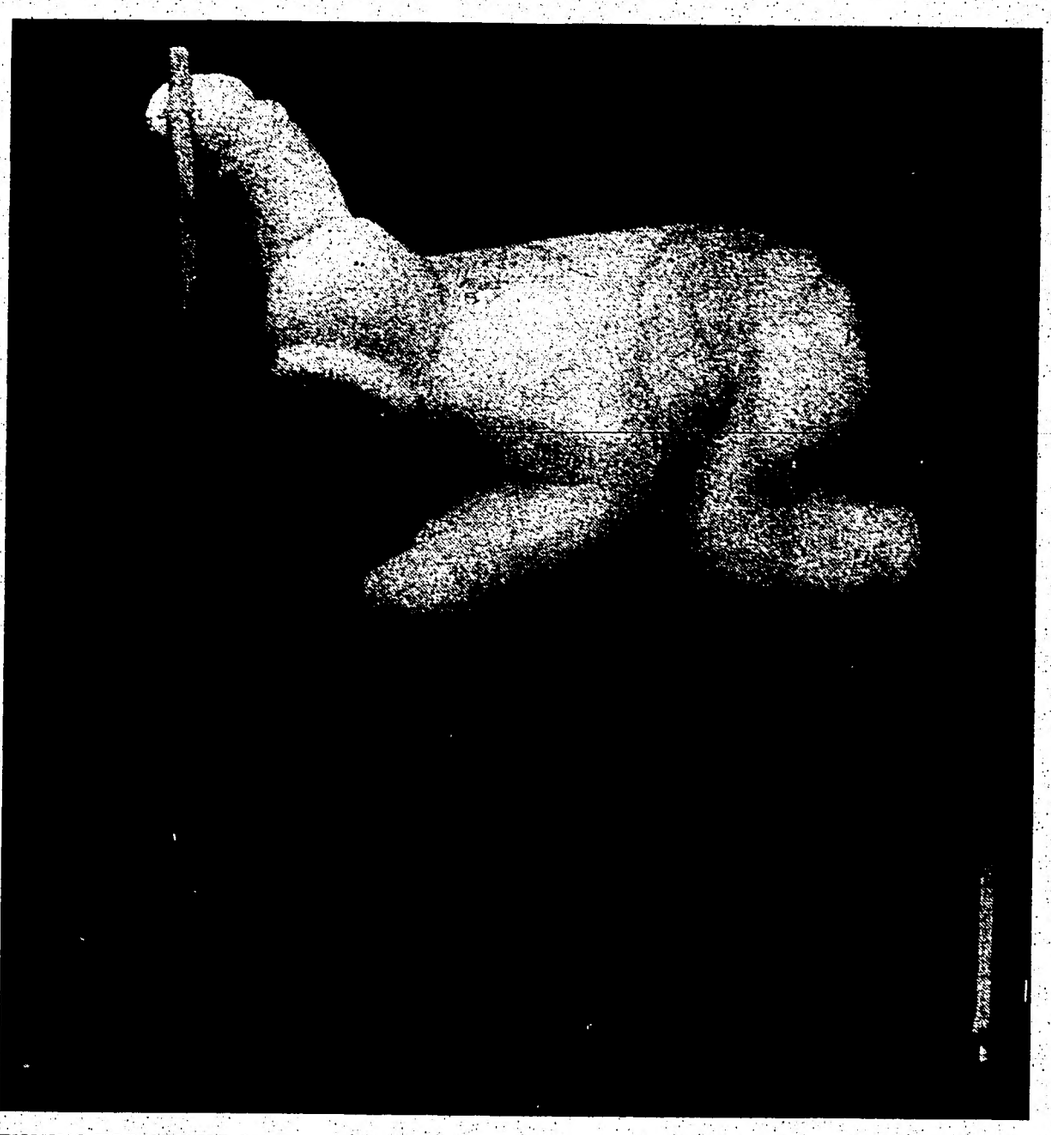
The major concern most Jews felt about the trials were that they would provide the Keegstras and Zundels of our society the platform they so desperately wanted and needed. It would, critics warned, give them access to the media and attention they ill-deserved. Ignore them, civil libertarians said and they will disappear.

Yet, while we ignored Zundel for twenty years, he went on to create one of world's most prolific anti-semitic publishing houses, spreading his filth everywhere. And, of course, because we did not know of him we ignored Keegstra — and so, unforgiveably, did the people of Eckville, Alberta, who did know him. For more than a decade he was allowed to poison and corrupt young malleable minds in his classroom.

Israel Is Target of New Antisemitism

But as Jews we have more to worry about than Keegstra and Zundel. There is no question in my mind that there is a new anti-semitism abroad in which the Jew remains the principal focus of attention but the declared target is the State of Israel. Israel has become the collective Jew among the nations. There is a widespread attempt to dehumanize and to delegitimize the Jewish state and the Jewish people. There are charges raised constantly — and not only in the United Nations — that Zionism is racism. This is the basest sort of anti-semitism for it is a denial of Jewish peoplehood and Jewish statehood — a denial of the right granted to every other people on the face of the earth.

To those making this charge we must respond that not only is Zionism not racism, the real racists are those who claim it is. The Nazis taught us one thing: that lies that go unchallenged become mistaken for truths. They become policies and ultimately they become murder. Of all the organs in the human body, Rabbi Heschel once remarked, the tongue is by far the most dangerous.



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Even worse are the increasingly persuasive ugly innuendos both in Canada and the United States about Jewish double loyalties — Jewish "fifth columnists" in the despicable words of Gore Vidal. Questions of Jewish loyalties in Canada have recently been resurrected by several academics, journalists and even some parliamentarians. Impugning the right of Canadian Jews as Canadian citizens to petition governments for redress of grievances — a right granted to other minorities — would in the words of Irwin Cotler have a "chilling effect" on freedom of speech in this country. Jews — either as individuals or as a collectivity — like Italians, Greeks, Arabs, French-Canadians and others, must have the right to speak out against government policy. To question the motives of Jews — as some have done — is clearly anti-semitic.

What is most worrisome about the new anti-semitism is its pervasiveness, its subtlety and its growing acceptability in many areas of the world. I am not referring to the loony Holocaust-deniers and their ilk, but rather to those in the media, in academe, in government, who take special pleasure in singling out Jews, Jewish institutions or Israel for special scrutiny and who apply a double standard to things and people Jewish. As Professor Alan Dershowitz has pointed out, the most obvious manifestation of this phenomenon is the special and often gloating attention paid by the media and others to any deviation by Israel or by Jews, no matter how trivial, from the highest norms of human rights, civility and sacrifice. This double standard, this super scrutiny of things Jewish and Israeli, is more than traditional anti-semitism. It is, according to Dershowitz, a new form of anti-Jewishness. It is an assault on Jewish values, on things and attitudes Jewish.

Less Antisemitism in Canada Than Elsewhere

Though this new form of anti-semitism is far less apparent in Canada than it is elsewhere, it is at our own peril that we ignore its manifestations. We Jews have extra-sensitive antennae which we have developed at high cost over the centuries. And over the past few years, mine have been waving frantically.

According to opinion pollsters and behavioural scientists, anytime Jews are in the news for whatever reason — good or bad — for an extensive period, anti-Jewish feeling increases. And recently what the media calls 'Jewish stories' have dominated the news. The catalogue is long and depressing: Keegstra, Zundel, Sabra and Shatilla, war-criminals, the Deschênes Commission, Mengele, Waldheim, terrorism, social and religious strife in Israel, Bitburg, Israeli spies, etc. And even those stories which seemingly are not Jewish, such as abortion or business take-overs, become "Jewish" according to the political scientist, because of the people involved.

Yet, at the same time, the pollsters tell us that all is well. Anti-semitism is not a problem in Canada, and has not been for years. Jews, we are informed, have become "white"; the real prejudice is focused on such visible minorities as blacks, East Indians and Pakistanis. There is little doubt that the pollsters are right. Never before in Canadian history have Jews enjoyed such security, comfort and acceptance. And never before have they been so sucessful. All barriers — except for the psychological ones — have been removed.

Nonetheless the polls do uncover some areas of concern. The most recent Goldfarb poll indicates that only 6% of Canadians consider themselves anti-semites. That does not sound like many, but it means more than a million and a half Canadians hate Jews and everything about them. Furthermore, according to Goldfarb, another 20 to 25% admit to varying degrees of prejudice against Jews — approximately 5 million Canadians. Thus in Canada, if this poll is right, there are nearly 7 million of our fellow citizens who don't like Jews or dislike something about us either as neighbours, fellow workers, bosses or store-keepers. They may dislike other groups more, but it is clear that significant anti-Jewish feeling still exists in this country.

A more recent sounding taken by Gallup and reported in a new book on the Zundel trial by Gabriel Weiman and Conrad Winn, *Hate on Trial*, is seemingly even more reassuring. They conclude that the trial had a positive impact on Canadians. Of those people who heard about the trial fully 25% were more sympathetic to Jews than they were beforehand. Like Goldfarb they too found that anti-semitism was not a problem in Canada.

Polls Indicate Areas of Concern

That is the good news. I believe however, having looked at the poll, that it also contains some bad news.

Basically I am suspicious of polls. I do not think you can measure prejudice in the same way as you can measure attituds towards deodorants, new cola drinks, or even political parties. When confronted by interviewers, most people, I suspect, would be reluctant to admit any prejudice. Thus not surprisingly, most of those interviewed in the Weiman-Winn-Gallup poll admitted to little bias.

There was however a question in the survey which I found frighteningly revealing. When asked what they thought their neighbours felt about Jews after the revelations of the Zundel trial, a substantial number stated that they believed their neighbours had become more anti-Jewish.

I am no expert in evaluating public opinion polls, but it seems to me that many of those interviewed were simply saying about their neighbours what they themselves felt but were too polite or embarrassed to tell the pollsters. In other words while many of them felt that their friends and neighbours — people with whom they spend a good deal of time and whose ideas and values they likely share, had become more anti-Jewish, perhaps they were really saying that they had as well.

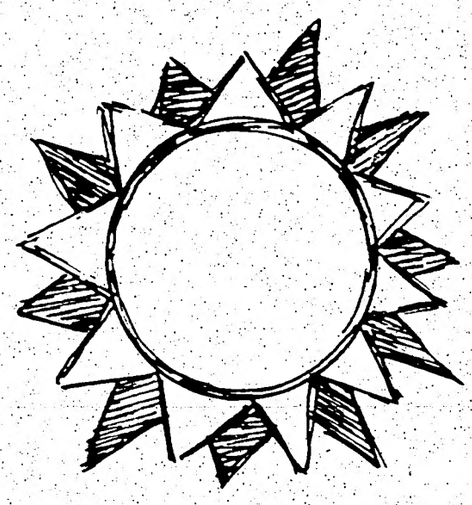
I may be wrong, indeed I hope I am. Yet it is — or should be — a matter of some concern. Canadian Jews are fortunate. We live in a vibrant, healthy, democratic country. Despite everything that has gone on in our past, Canada is not Russia, or Argentina or Poland or Germany. Jews have lived here for generations and prospered. This is a far different Canada than it was forty or fifty years ago, and we must appreciate that. We are thankful that Canada gave us the opportunity to thrive as Jews, to be free, to be educated, to contribute and to benefit. There are too few countries like ours in the world.

And that is both our problem and our challenge. We now have the talent and the clout to confront the new — and old — anti-semites head-on. We are not the cowering, friendless, inarticulate community we were a generation ago. We now have the tools, the political and economic power to take on our enemies and to reach the uninformed. We need but the will.

Our challenge is to guard against complacency. Given the unique character of Jewish history, we Jews who live in the shadow of the Holocaust must be constantly vigilant. We have been through a great deal over the years and have emerged stronger and emboldened. Yet it can happen anywhere — and it has. Anti-semitism is part of Jewish history and is as unpredictable as that history itself.

PALINGENESIS

this beginning this moment
in which I am
you are eating an apple
you come to me bearing fruit
while wars are being fought
babies born
and the aged die in musty beds
with the T.V. blaring



your seed roots deeply
in my fecund earth
your flower blossoms opening
opening before my sun

I have disappeared into your melting eyes
what's left is the brand
your eyes seared

I must be reading correctly
you are my heart's song
I sway in your dwelling place

My life is but a breath of wind.

by Ray Shankman

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The Soviet authorities have unquestionably helped to spark the return to religion among the Refuseniks. Dismissed from their posts, ostracized by their former colleagues and even neighbors, they become totally alienated from Soviet society. As one of them put it, "their celebrations and holidays are not ours." A group of Jewish activists wrote: "We are not considered as model citizens in the land of Socialism because each one of us has declared: I have a dream!" The social rejection leads naturally to an association with other like-minded Jews and to a quest for a way of life and a culture they can adhere to and transmit to their children. The discovery of the treasures of a millennial civilization, and of the tragedy of the Holocaust — the authorities have deliberately obscured the Jewish martyrdom — have sparked a courage, rare in Soviet life, to assert one's right to freedom of conscience. The regime, sensitive to any stirrings of religious sentiment, fearful of any destabilization of its dictatorial system, has attempted to stamp out the new phenomenon. Harrassment, threats, interrogations, as well as arrests on trumped-up charges, are common. Last year a newly-religious twenty-one year old Jew, Natan Vershubsky, was arrested for allegedly stealing religious books from a Kiev synagogue! Yevgeny Eisenberg received a two and a half year sentence for "defaming the Soviet State" on evidence based on three Jewish history books confiscated when police interrupted a Purim-Shpiel. Among those arrested in the past year on the notorious charge of slandering the Soviet Union, and convicted to the standard three-year term in a labor prison that goes with it, "baalei teshuva" have been prominent.

Religious Fortitude Challenges Apparatus of Repression

When one witnesses the fearless devotion to Judaism in the USSR today, one gains greater insight into the reasons for the state's obsessive persecution of religion and its allocation of enormous resources to the promotion of atheism. Soviet leaders have long understood that the fortitude of believers is a serious challenge to their apparatus of repression.

This focus on the phenomenon of religious revival among Jews in the USSR is not meant, of course, to detrace from the heroism of all Refuseniks, religious or not. Who can forget the daily hardships of thousands of "ordinary" Refuseniks — that Zakhar Zunshein had his ribs broken by guards in a Siberian goulag, that Alec Zelichonok faces vascular catastrophe every moment he remains in prison, or that Yosef Berenstein was blinded in a Kiev Jail?

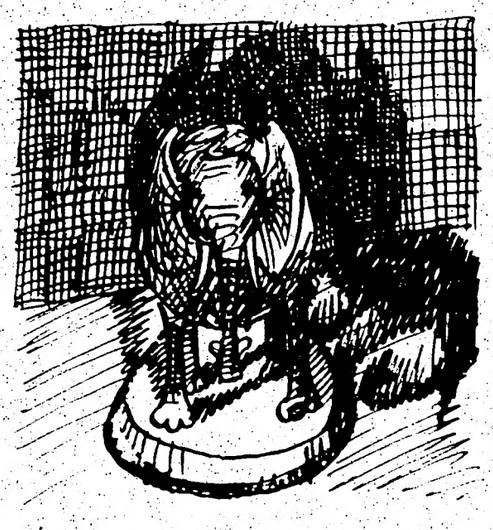
With the recognition of the failure of cultural liquidation the Soviet leaders will eventually reach the conclusion that emigration is the only solution to their "Jewish problem." Our task is to bring them to realize this fact. Political and religious leaders in the West, businessmen, and teachers, those who believe in G.d and those who do not, must dramatize to the world that the physical and spiritual plight of a substantial segment of Soviet Jewry, combined with the near total stoppage of emigration, spell enormous human suffering as well as the possibility that acting tomorrow may be too late.

Fiction

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

by Aviva Ravel

EVERYTHING'S pretty, the tea cups my doll Lilly, Omi's china elephant you may look at but not touch, my pink flower room the lace tablecloth Mami made for the dinner table. Mami too is pretty her long blonde hair falls in waves down her back like mine and Lilly's, her blue eyes smile when she pours my juice I'm her only precious. She watches me at the window a long time her smile follows me to school. I love being pretty Rosa skipping to school on the pretty street snow fell yesterday covering the trees in the park. When the sun shines they sparkle like Omi's brooch.



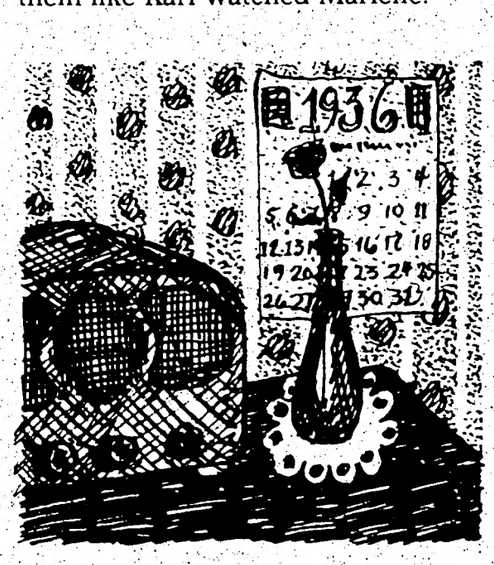
Next week is Christmas and Fati promised I'd help him cut a tree from the big forest. Most fun of all is unpacking the decorations each one is wrapped in soft paper in pretty boxes presents came in last year. Blue angels red balls green triangles long streamers everything sparkling and pretty in red blue green and yellow. There are golden camels and horses from the barn where the Child was born, but my favorite is the silver star on top of the tree that twinkles like a real star in the sky. I'll get presents I heard Fati tell Mami he'll buy a cradle for Lilly with a soft pillow and satin blanket. From Mami I'll get a new dress and Omi will buy me books cause I read well, Frau Edelshtein says with 'expression', everybody says I'm smart like Fati he's a professor.

Now I have to turn the corner and go down the noisy street that's not so pretty but I still hop skip hop until the shop with coffins in the window. Marlene says they put dead people inside I don't want to see them even with silky sheets at the bottom and they shine like Omi's party gown. I run across the street and look ahead at the people's legs coming toward me on the melting snow, then pass the house where the big women with their arms folded on their big bosoms lean out of the windows they smile at me they're not pretty and I don't smile back. Soon the noisy street is almost over just the crazy man who plays ugly sounds on his accordion he has no teeth and his eyes pop at me. I run fast past the gargoyles on the church until I see Marlene waving in the yard and we laugh.

I don't know why Marlene and I always laugh, Frau Edelshtein calls it giggling we're just happy to be together and everything makes us laugh, Alice's crosseyes, Herr Schumann's bowtie, Frau Edelshtein's long grey dresses, the calendar with a picture of a chubby baby. Today we also laugh because Marlene has a whole bag of candy and nuts. Herr Schumann says there'll be separate classes today for Christmas with songs and games. I don't understand separate but Marlene says we can't be in the same class because her brother Karl says I'm Jewish and she wants to know if it's true. I don't know what Jewish means, maybe it's having freckles and long blonde hair, Marlene's hair is black and she bites her fingernails. Then Herr Schumann calls all the Christmas children to the auditorium but Alice Peter Ernest Hans Frederich and I stay in the classroom with Frau Edelshtein. She tells us a story about a holiday called Hanukka and I tell her I don't want to be Hanukka I want to be Christmas like Marlene because we always have a tree with a silver star and blue angels and gold camels and she smiles but it's a sad smile not a happy one like Mami's.

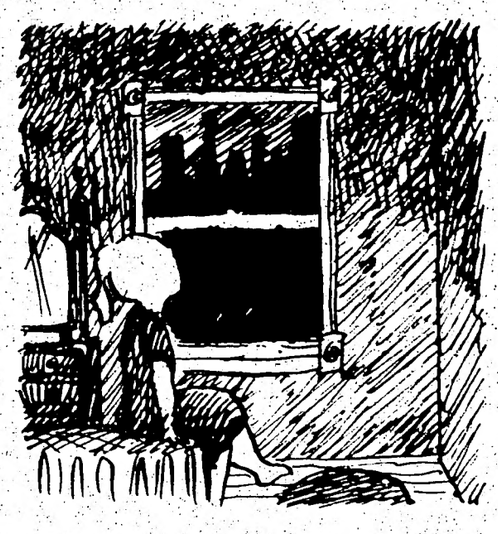
Fati says Hanukka is nonsense and we cut the tree and decorate it with silver bells and spangles and the star on top and Mami makes a turkey and many cakes with nuts and fruit but Omi doesn't help her. She says she won't give Christmas presents this year because Jews are separate and I cry I want my presents so she says I'll get them but not under the tree. Omi lights thin little candles and chants in a funny language then she gives me a spinning toy, silver money, and my presents. She says it's because of Hitler and other people who are making the Jews separate. Fati and Mami are mad at her, Omi is Fati's mother, but they don't talk for a long time not even at dinner it's so quiet in the house I want to scream but no sounds come out. I don't like Omi anymore and her Hanukka it's her fault our Christmas is spoiled she wouldn't even sing the songs with us.

At school Herr Schumann makes me more separate and I have to sit with Alice at the back of the room I don't like her I want to sit near Marlene but she says she's Christmas and her father won't let her play with me anymore and we mustn't even talk in the yard because her brother Karl who has a new uniform and shiny boots will tell on her. Herr Schumann hangs a flag in the classroom with a crooked doublecross not a nice one like on the church and we have to salute it three times. Frau Edelshteinn has shrunk and her face is white like paper and one day she doesn't come in to teach us. Frau Reinhardt comes instead I don't like her she doesn't make me laugh she talks like a drum and has long crooked fingers. She says my story isn't 'satisfactory' and sends me home to write it again and I mustn't come back until it's perfect. I know the story is perfect because Fati helped me and he's a professor. She also sent Alice Peter Ernest Hans and Frederich home, all the Hanukka people. I tell Omi I'm not going to school anymore because Marlene won't play with me. Omi teaches me at home a new language with funny letters you read backwards and Fati is mad all the time. Mami's smile disappears and they walk as though someone was watching them like Karl watched Marlene.



In the spring when flowers bloom in our garden and windowboxes Fati doesn't go to the university anymore and talks to Mami in whispers all the time and they're fighting. Mami wants to buy tickets but Fati says it's a storm that will pass. Omi says she's too old to travel but Mami says she'll get her a ticket anyway. Omi sends me to the store to buy eggs horseradish parsley wine with a star on it, six points not like the silver star, and matsah that's the bread for Passover the Hanukka people have to eat, but when I get to the butcher for the special chicken there's no store anymore the glass was broken and it's boarded up with wood. All the coffins in the window are gone and across the street the big women with the big bosoms wave at the soldiers in the street. They come toward me in high boots and fierce faces no one pats my head anymore, the crazy man with the accordion has disappeared the street is scary like Frau Reindhart's fingers and Mami and Fati's whispers.

Omi and I set the table we put parsley horseradish hardboiled eggs in a dish and matsahs in a plate she got from Alice's grandfather who has a beard and Omi lights two white candles. She teaches me to say a prayer in the language you read backwards. I know all the letters already, and Omi sits me on her lap puts both her hands on my head and says magic words. First Fati sits with us at the table, then he gets up says it's nonsense and lies down on the couch. Mami cries and sits on the floor near him trying to take his hand but he doesn't let her. Omi tells me not to be sad because her magic words will always take care of me and she tells me a story about a magician whose name was Moses and he parted a sea and turned a stick into a snake and made water come out of a rock. I tell Omi it's a good story like in my fairy tale books and she says it's a magic story but it's true. Fati says she's filling my head with nonsense.



One night the suitcases are packed and we must leave. I'm allowed to take Lilly but not her bed and my books. We have to leave quietly so no one will hear us. Fati says Herr Koch from the university will drive us to a farm then a wagon and horse will take us to a border and a train will take us to another country. Omi won't come she says she's too old to travel and she'll be a burden, I don't understand, she's so little and light I can almost pick her up and carry her. Mami has wrapped all the beautiful Christmas decorations in soft paper. She opens a suitcase and tries to put them in. There's no room, Fati says, but she takes out some clothes and puts in the decorations instead, they've been in the family for generations she can't leave them behind, and you can always buy new clothes. Omi laughs. It's a thin cackling laugh, she laughs and laughs and can't stop even though we must be quiet. Omi doesn't kiss anybody goodbye she looks strange her mouth opens wide like a gargoyle.

We drive in Herr Koch's motor car in the dark for a long time until we come to a road near a barn. Fati and Herr Koch hug each other and say goodbye. Then a wagon pulled by a horse takes us and our suitcases along a bumpy road. It's a long ride and I fall asleep until Mami says Rosa wake up we have to get out now. I climb down and hug Lilly her hair looks awful it's all messy from the wind but I don't have a comb. Fati and Mami pick up the suitcases and go toward a train waiting in a little station. The wagoner says stop he's taking all the suitcases. Fati says he was paid but the man says it's not enough he must have the suitcases or he'll make trouble. Mami begs him not to take everything but he doesn't listen. He puts the suitcases back on the wagon, grabs Lilly from me and says it will be a present for his daughter, I scream she's mine but Fati takes my hand and we run to the train.

We sit on the seat I'm facing Mami and Fati the wheels turn on the tracks saying Omi's magic words to keep me from crying for Lilly. But Mami cries. Everything's gone. My Christmas decorations. They've been in the family for generations. Don't cry, Fati says and puts his arm around her. We'll get others where we're going. I believe him.

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Feminism and the Halakhah

by Rabbi Mendell Lewittes

A CUSTOM dating from Talmudic times requires those present at a Brit-Milah to recite immediately after the circumcision the prayer "Just as he (the infant) entered the Covenant, so may he enter into Torah, Huppah, And Ma'asim Tovim." However, in the prayer recited at the naming of a baby girl, the word Torah was invariably omitted. It is told that a pious father in the Middle Ages inscribed the following prayer at the birth of a girl: "May she sew, spin, weave, and be brought up to a life of good deeds." The omission of *Torah* in the prayer for a girl is a consequence of the opinion of the Tanna Eliezer b. Hyrcanus that "He who teaches his daughter Torah is as if he teaches her lewdness." This again is a reflection of his opinion that "A woman's wisdom is only in the spindle." For centuries traditional Jewry followed this opinion and made no provision for the formal education of girls.

In the early 20th century, when secular public education became widespread and Jewish girls were sent to the public schools, religious leaders began to question this traditional practice of no formal education in Jewish studies for girls. It is quite paradoxical, they argued, for girls to receive a secular but not a religious education, a phenomenon that could undermine their faith and commitment to Jewish observance. Thus the needs of the hour demanded the establishment of Jewish schools for girls, a demand first met in Poland with the founding of the network of Beit Yaakov schools, and soon adopted in other Jewish communities throughout the world. Thus by now in many synagogues, when the *mi-she-berakh* for the birth of a daughter is recited, one can hear *Torah* as well as *Huppah* included in the blessing for a Jewish girl's future.

Though contemporary halakhic scholars were ready to sanction instruction for girls, they confined the studies to *Torah she-bikhtav*, the Humash, and the mitzvot which women are obliged to observe, thus ruling out the study of *Torah she -b'al-Peh*, such as Mishnah and Talmud. However, as girls began to taste the fruits of knowledge, and especially as the teachers required for the girls' schools — invariably women — had to have a broader knowledge than just Humash and *Kitzur Shulhan Arukh*, the scope of instruction for girls became broader and deeper, so that the number of Orthodox women studying Talmud and Jewish Philosophy in addition to the Sciences and Liberal Arts increased considerably.

Demand for Equality of the Sexes

Coincident with this increase in Jewishly knowledgeable women arose the general Feminist movement of recent times, with its strident demands for "the equality of the sexes." Orthodox women, no longer confined within the walls of a cultural gettho,

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could not fail to be influenced by this movement. Having gained access to basic Jewish sources, they noticed some of the inequalities imbedded in Jewish law which convey a sense of female inferiority. They also began to feel more keenly their exclusion from some of the religious observances which Halakhah imposes upon men exclusively. Among the issues raised by Orthodox feminists are the halakhic restrictions against abortion for economic and social reasons; the ruling that only men are empowered to issue a *get*; the exemption of women from certain mitzvot, such as tefillin; and most recently the disqualification of women to constitute a *minyan* and consequently being barred from conducting regular congregational prayers (*tefillah b'tzibbur*) amongst themselves.

The response to this recent demand upon the part of contemporary halakhists — some "modern Orthodox" among them — has been negative and often unsympathetic. Basically, they assert, the Halakhah is *min ha-shamayim* and thus impervious to subjective emotional considerations. Thus the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, responding to a query concerning Orthodox Jewish feminists, stated: "At the outset, one has to know that a principle of our pure faith is that the entire Torah, both written and oral, was given by God Himself on Mt. Sinai through Moshe Rabbenu, and it is impossible to change even one iota (*kotz*)." He qualifies this by adding that the Sanhedrin and Torah scholars have the duty to institute new regulations (*takkanot*) and add prohibitions as hedges against possible violations of Torah laws. He explains the Torah's exemption of women from certain mitzvot in that they are by nature occupied with the rearing of children, and therefore cannot be burdened with *all* the mitzvot. He reiterates that even though social and economic circumstances may have changed "there exists no power to change anything, even if the whole world may agree to do so; and these women (i.e., the feminists) who stubbornly fight for change are deniers of the Torah (*kofrot*)." He does concede that women may accept upon themselves mitzvot for which they are not obligated by the Torah — putting on tefillin excepted — but this is so only if they want to observe them as mitzvot and not in order to impugn the Torah, an intention which he attributes to the Orthodox feminists.

The demand which has received extensive treatment in rabbinic literature and yet which the Halakhah finds almost impossible to satisfy, is the inequality in the Jewish divorce process. Rabbenu Gershom (c. 995-c. 1030) has reduced this inequality somewhat by instituting that a woman cannot be divorced against her will; but the law still requires the free consent of the husband, and as long as he witholds his consent his wife remains his wife halakhically with all its ramifications, even though the couple are living apart and have been divorced by the civil courts. Numerous proposals have been suggested to remedy this situation, about which women have been clamoring more and more, both in Israel and the Diaspora. Most of these proposals are based upon some pre-nuptial contractual obligation which would penalize the recalcitrant party when the giving of a *get* is ordered by a rabbinic court. However, *poskim* have found one flaw or another in such arrangements, and to-date no proposal has been accepted by the religious authorities. Even in Israel, where the rabbinic courts are empowered to impose various pressures upon the party concerned, even to the extent of imprisonment, the *dayyanim* are reluctant to impose them.

Orthodox Claim: Anything New is Forbidden By The Torah

An additional consideration which inhibits the halakhist today from making any concessions to feminist demands are the concessions which the Conservative movement has already made in this respect, such as calling up women to the reading of the Torah and, more recently, the ordaining of women to the rabbinate. Orthodox Judaism, in its attempt to preserve the line of demarcation between itself and Conservative Judaism, is responding to any demand for change in the same manner that its forbears two centuries ago responded to the incipient Reform movement; namely, with the slogan "Anything new is forbidden by the Torah." It proceeds on the assuption that any breach in accepted practice, no matter how slight, will only strengthen the Conservative movement and eventually undermine the authority of the Halakhah in other areas as well. As the halakhist sees it, his responsibility is not only to teach the Halakhah but also to preserve its integrity and authority in Jewish life. And the only way to accomplish this is by refusing to sanction any deviation from tradition arising from fresh attitudes, and by reaffirming our faith in and commitment to tradition's inviolability. The feeling is that any amendment to the existing Code of Jewish Law would open the floodgates and release a torrent of reckless demands which would change the whole character of Jewish life and sweep away many of the hallowed traditions that are an inseparable part of Judaism. And the best evidence for this they find in the history of the Reform movement, which not only rejected the Oral Law but much of the Written Law as well.

Is this fear justified? Must it be assumed *a fortiori* that legitimate

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change would perforce lead to unwarranted and illegitimate change? Could it not be argued that if qualified masters of the halakhah were to carry on their traditional role of being the judges of halakhic questions according to their own insights and taking cognizance of the situation at hand, then the wind would be taken out of the sails of the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements? One is reminded of the discussion recorded in the Mishnah: Rabbis were asked in Rome, "If God has no desire for idolatry, why does He not abolish it?" They aswered, "If people would worship only that which the world has no need of, then He would abolish it; but people worship the sun and the moon and the stars. Should God's world be destroyed because of these fools!" By the same token we should ask ourselves, "Should we abandon the normal processes of the Halakhah because of the fools who have rejected it entirely?"

Loss Of Relevance Means Loss Of Influence

The tension that exists in Jewish Law between the timeless and the timeliness, between the abiding and the changing, is well-known. Someone has phrased the dialectic in pragmatic terms. "Religion, if it is to succeed in remaining a central influence in the lives of its adherents, must lay stress upon its roots, its traditions, its heritage, its permanence and stability. At the same time, it must guard against the loss of relevance, for if it loses its relevance it will lose its influence."

In the perspective of the last one hundred and fifty years since the inception of the Reform movement, we can now see that the stand taken by the Hatam Sofer and reiterated uncompromisingly by the Orthodox leadership today has not proven itself. It did not stem the tide of Reform, nor did it prevent the breakaway of Conservative Judaism from established Orthodoxy. As for those who remain loyal to the rigid conception of the halakhic tradition, their rejection of any and all demands of modernity has in the main led to their increasing intolerance of controversial opinion. The fact of the matter is, though we may theoretically deny all change in halakhic practice and denounce any innovation therein, resistance to adaptation to modernity is futile in the long run. Thus, for example, a conference of Hungarian rabbis in 1866 declared a ban against rabbis preaching in Hungarian. Nevertheless, even in Pressburg, the city of the Hatam Sofer and at a time when his son was rabbi of the community, the *kehillah* engaged a preacher who preached in "the alien tongue." A more significant deviation from the traditional Halakhah because of a change in values and attitudes is the teaching of Torah to women, which was accepted with much reluctance on the part of the ultra-Orthodox.

Ten Women Should Constitute A Minyan

This brings me to my personal view on the feminist demand that a quorum of women gathered for prayer may constitute a *minyan*, allowing them to recite those portions of public prayer restricted by the Halakhah to a minimum of ten adult males. Conceding to this demand would not be the first concession to women desiring to fulfil, equally with men, certain mitzvot of the Torah. No less an authority than Rabbenu Tam ruled that women may recite the benediction and say, "And has commanded us etc." even though the Halakhah asserts that they are not commanded. A sensitivity to women's desire to pray at all times was manifested by Yisrael Isserlein, the author of *T'rumat ha-Deshen*, when he ruled that women may enter the synagogue to pray even during their menstrual period, on the grounds that to deny them that privilege would cause them "distress and shame."

My learned colleagues muster an impressive array of both medieval and modern *poskim* who maintain the Talmudic position that women do not constitute a minyan. It seems to me that they miss the point. The question that should confront the *posek* today is this: Is our contemporary evaluation of the nature of women and their role in religious life compelling enough, and is this specific demand reasonable enough, to allow him to make a further concession to women's importuning even though it runs contrary to the categorical restriction imposed by the Rabbis of old? Reliable precedent can be found in the opinion of Rabbis Yose and Shimon that women may "lay hands upon a sacrifice, not because the laying of hands is required for women, but in order to grant them gratification." The ruling requiring a minyan for certain recitations in public prayer is based upon the verse: "That I may be sanctified in the midst of the children of Israel (Lev. 22:31)." Are women by nature incapable of sanctifying God? Are they by nature excluded from the community of Israel? Do we need any better example than that of Hannah and her seven sons of the Maccabean period?

I must here and now register my protest against the learned rabbis of Yeshiva University who wrote the *teshuvah* condemning the demand for halakhic recognition of a women's minyan. The rabbis overstepped the boundaries of halakhic polemic by accusing the women of "distorting the Torah . . . being like Korah in revolting against established leadership and setting up a separate minyan . . . having ulterior motives for the sake of publicity," and "promiscuousness." Our Sages have already warned of the consequences of being a *hoshed bi-k'sheirim* (suspecting innocent people). Instead of accusing these women of wanting to join the Conservative movement, they should acknowledge their sincere desire to remain within the camp of Orthodoxy. Furthermore, these women are not appeased by all the nice things said about Jewish women in the Talmud. They seek — and they have every right to do so — halakhic rulings that are based upon a recognition of their equal status as members of the Jewish community. Such recognitin, to my mind, would indeed strengthen their commitment to traditional religious observance in general. And it would be in the spirit of the prophetic statement: The Lord is pleased, for His righteousness' sake, to make the Torah great and glorious (Isaiah 42:21).

Cultural Realities

by Eugene Kaellis

THE two-to-one decision of the Ontario Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools raises some fundamental questions about Jewish life and activities in Canada and, indeed, in all diaspora countries. The decision followed a year-long litigation launched by five Sudbury residents and supported by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Chief Justice O'Leary cited two basic reasons for the majority decision. Taken separately each reason is patently ridiculous, but together they accurately describe the Canadian cultural situation which, in its overall pattern, could be changed only by very far-reaching and unlikely events.

First he stated that children of minority religious groups would sooner or later have to confront the reality of Christianity in Canada and they might as well begin in the public school system. Taken by itself, this argument has two basic defects.

One is that most Canadians are only nominally Christians and the Lord's Prayer is of little formal significance in their lives. The public schools, in effect, are attempting to do what the churches have failed to do. This appropriation of ecclesiastical function by what purports to be a secular institution may one day be regretted by the churches when some of the ramifications of this expropriation are experienced but, significantly, no prominent church or cleric has publicly disavowed the use of Christian prayers in the school system.

The other defect is the assumption that just because children will eventually confront some circumstance in society which may be alien or discomfiting to them does not mean that the school system need assume the responsibility of acting as a vehicle for that confrontation. Children will eventually have to confront drugs, crime, pornography, and a host of other ills. Justice O'Leary would not, of course, advocate that the school system participate in this confrontation.

He presumably took care of this point in his second argument, viz., that the Lord's Prayer promotes morality which, he stated, is such an important consideration that it over-rides any objections raised against its use in the school system. Implicit in this, of course, is that morality is identical with Christianity. Other religions also emphasize morality, a morality which in many ways differs from that of Christianity and is, in the view of their adherents, superior.

Lord's Prayer Not Non-Sectarian

The Lord's Prayer is not a non-sectarian statement of universally held values. One phrase which states: "And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors," tends to confuse sins against God and sins against people, a confusion which Judaism, in its practice of atonement, takes pains to avoid. The Lord's Prayer makes no mention of restitution by the perpetrator to those wronged; the line: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil," reflects the Christian tendency to passivity (as in vicarious atonement), and lacks the emphasis Judaism places on personal choice and responsibility. All in all, the Lord's Prayer is not only objectionable to Jews as a mandated recitation because of its origin (*Matthew 6:9–13*) and context, its content and emphasis are decidedly non-Jewish.

Furthermore, feminists, Jewish or otherwise, may object to the use of "Father" in designating God.

While the purpose of this article is not to discuss the much-invoked Judaeo-Christian ethic, anything beyond superficial examination, or abject pandering to a desire for security through identity would reveal deep and irreconcilable differences between Jewish and Christian approaches to a variety of ethical problems.

Be that as it may, Judge O'Leary's supposition that Canadian culture is manifestly Christian is obviously correct. The head of state, Queen Elizabeth II, is also the head of the Church of England; Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are national holidays; this is the year of "our lord" 1986 not, for example, 5746; notwithstanding the relaxation of Sunday closing laws, Sunday is the official day of rest — the "Lord's day"; invocations at functions supported by public funds or at functions which, while suported by private funds are allegedly non-sectarian, frequently include reference to Jesus; in a court of law it is assumed that everyone is willing to swear on the "New" and "Old" Testaments; Christian sacred music is commonly presented at public concerts, and Christian sacred art is commonly displayed in public galleries; in Québec crucifixes adorn the walls of public buildings; postage stamps have Christian symbols and Canada Post allows special rates on Christmas cards, not Chanukah or Rosh Hashonah greetings, etc., etc., etc. The list is almost endless. No aspect of our lives as Jews remains unaffected by the Christian culture in which we are immersed. The much-vaunted multi-culturalism in Canada is based on a thoroughly Christian foundation, and any claim to parity is either pretense or deception.

Canadian Society Permeated by Christian Values

Christian practices and thought so thoroughly permeate our society that we may lose sight of their origins. Even an effort to reduce their effect is of limited value. Referring to 1986 as C.E. (Common Era) rather that A.D. (Anno domini, the year of "our lord"), for example, does not reduce our implicit acknowledgment that the world has, in its notation, been caused to accept the advent of Jesus as the key episode in history.

The questions is: Can it be otherwise? Can there be a state or national culture which is organically unattached to an ideological framework and historical tradition? Obviously, if experience is any guide, the answer is emphatically "No!" Whether the ideological framework is religious or secular (as in the case of the communist

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countries), whether it is Christian, Judaic, Islamic, Shintoist, or Confucianist, people have their traditional holidays, they have their hagiographies, and they perpetuate their mythologies. The United States, with its mythology surrounding the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the Civil War, the Indian Wars, and with its cult of patriotism and democracy has, alongside its Christian culture, developed a rich secular tradition in which *all* Americans can participate. In the relatively uneventful and undramatic history of Canada, always under the cultural shadow of a foreign power (Britain, France, the United States) and having a scarcity of indigenous mythology and hagiography, there is an even greater reliance on Christian culture and tradition as a national binding force. Moreover, Canada is just now in the process of developing a constitutional approach on the separation of church and state. If the Ontario decision is any indication, it will lean towards the British rather than the American tradition.

The obvious question is: In a country like Canada in which Jews consist of such a tiny minority (which is moreover declining rapidly in proportion to the rest of the population) is it realistic to assume that any significant concessions can ever be made to Jewish nonconformity with the religious-cultural practices of the majority? For example, can anyone really conceive of free-choice of holidays observed (without penalties), or of a sabbath day choice in a society so tightly-integrated economically and socially? The logistics of such moves in industry or the school systems alone would be staggering.

Options for Canadian Jews

Thre are then, five possibilities for Canadian Jews:

1) Live with permanent minority status and accept the unfavorable consequences.

2)Live with permanent minority status and try to eliminate all or some of the unfavorable consequences.

3) Emigrate to Israel and achieve majority status.

4) Become Christians, either religiously or culturally, or both.

5) Make Judaism the majority religion and culture of Canada.

Obviously, with few exceptions, Canadian Jews live with a mix of the first two options. Sometimes they win concessions, (as in the case of the Waterloo School Board banning the *Merchant of Venice*), particularly when other factors, e.g., economic favor them, as in the decline in Sunday closing laws; sometimes, they lose, as in the case of the Ontario Lord's Prayer decision.

Win or lose, the most distressing aspect of attempting to maintain a minority culture is the (usually unconscious) attributing of universalism to a majority culture which is itself particularist. Christmas is Christian, so is Easter, so is having Sunday as the sabbath, so is a Bach cantata or a painting of the madonna. When Jewish children (and adults) lose sight of the Christian origin, identity, and content of much of the culture which surrounds them, they are in danger of losing a sense of Jewish identity and the legitimacy of their own Jewishness.

What Justice O'Leary said has therefore the ring of truth about it. It would have been better if he had taken the contrary position but that would in no significant way have altered the minority status of Jews and its inevitable consequences.

Science Rediscovers Genesis

by Abraham Rzepkowicz

FOR the past several centuries, from the time that we can mark as the start of modern science, questions regarding the origin of the universe were answered in terms of the atomist concepts drawn from Greek philosophy. This theory, in its modern formulation, became known as the Steady State Hypothesis. It was propounded by Professor Fred Hoyle and his colleagues in England in the late 1940's. The hypothesis propounds the view that the universe as it is now has always been and would always remain the same, and that matter was constantly being created and destroyed without beginning or end.

However, in the past fifty years, twentieth century physics has slowly turned to a new approach, originally propounded by George Lemaître in the 1920's. The observations of astronomy have demonstrated that the universe is steadily expanding. The distant galaxies continue to recede, moving further and further away. Taking this fact and viewing it in reverse has led theorists to propose that, in the beginning, all matter was crammed together in an extremely dense fashion. This scientific beginning of matter, which might otherwise be called *Tohu vo-Vohu*, i.e., the primordial chaos of *Genesis*, was suddenly injected with a vast amount of energy, viz., light, which caused the incredible explosion that has thrown matter outward with such force that it is still flying apart to this day. The theory is further supported by discoveries in the last decade of universal background radiation in all directions of outer space, such as would be produced by the explosion of extremely dense matter. This explosion science calls the Big Bang; however, given different terms of reference, it can be called Creation.

In recent years, science has amplified what it has learned from astronomy, which specializes in the observation of the gigantic universe, by applying the tools acquired from the study of quantum physics, which studies the smallest elements of matter and energy. As Alan Batten of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Canada has said in reference to the Big Bang: " . . . The circumstances of that event seem to have been finely tuned." Attempts to understand these fine points of creation have led to the development of the Inflationary Big Bang theory.

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The Inflationary Big Bang Theory

According to this line of thinking, in that first infinitesimal fraction of second of the universe's existence, when it was still smaller than a fist, the enormous temperatures and pressures of that primordial chaos, still within extremely minute and confined dimensions, were such that the fundamental laws of nature were unified, equal and indistinguishable. The ensuing expansion released vast amounts of heat and caused an imbalance of the forces of nature. The trapped heat, being reinjected into the matter, caused a hyperinflation. Instantaneously, it inflated its size billions and billions of times, greater than the increase of a particle of sand inflating to the size of the sun. This produced an infinite number of smaller universes packed together like bubbles in a foam. Each universe operates with its unique combination of the natural laws, where some may collapse and disappear while others expand and develop into stars and planets and, ultimately, life.

The Sages have also fine tuned the vision of creation that is presented in *Genesis*. They have expressed the concept that this world is not the only one created by the Almighty. Rav Abahu, who lived at the turn of the Fourth Century, was sensitive to the nuance of the Biblical verse intimating a prior world. Therefore, he learned that "the Holy One Blessed Be He created universes and destroyed them until he created this one. He said, 'I like this one. Those I did not like.' Rav Pinchas says that Rav Abahu learns this from the verse: "G-d saw all that He had made and behold it (i.e., this one) was very good." (*Bereshit Raba* 3:7, 9:2).

Possible Scientific Basis For Creation

Richard Henricksen, astrophysicist at Queen's College in Kingston, Ontario said, "Until recently, it was assumed that whatever produced the Big Bang would remain forever inscrutable." However, the inflationary theory offers a possible explanation of the phenomenon of Creation. This phenomenon is called the primordial vacuum fluctuation. In the study of various subatomic particles, there are some which appear from out of nowhere and without any known cause. The effect is called a causeless quantum transition. Physicists say that this fluctuation can appear in a vacuum, spontaneously. Thus, in essence, a theoretical explanation for the creation of something out of nothing has been set forth in scientific formulation.

Vacuums and fluctuations are not new within Jewish tradition. The Kabbalah and its consideration of the Act of Creation discusses its enactment in parallel terms. Of paramount importance in the Kabbalah's view of cosmogony, the creation of the universe, is the infinitude of G-d. Given this Infinity, there was no alternate space available in which creation could occur. Thus, in the beginning, all the forces of the Almighty were stored within His infinity in perfect balance. At the moment of creation, there was required a self-contraction to make room for it. As formulated by Rabbi Chaim Vital (1543-1620) in his book, *Etz Chaim*, the Divine contraction produced a vacuum in the Infinity. It was into this vacuum that there emanated that ray of light which initiated the ensuing process that ultimately produced the universe in which we live.

Modern Science Parallels Genesis

From the above discussion, it can be seen that the concept of Genesis has parallel elements in Jewish tradition and modern science. However, whereas science, in its skepticism, requires patient observation and proven demonstration, Jewish tradition, with its faith, sees Divine providence and purpose manifest through all of His creation. This divergence, once thought to be an unbridgeable gulf, may not be as broad as once thought. Ultimately, the search for truth, no matter by what methodology, must, perhaps by its very nature, lead to the same conclusion.

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